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UNITED STATES TACKLES THE WHOLE QUESTION OF WAR DEBTS

SHANHAIKUAN BLAME LAID AT JAPAN'S DOOR

Chinese Note To The League.

JAPANESE RESIDENTS HOLD NO RIGHTS

Nanking, To-day.

Shanhaikuan is not an open port and Japanese nationals have no right to reside there, states the Chinese Note addressed to Mr. Ariyoshi and also cabled to Geneva for communication to the League.

The note lays all blame for the Shanhaikuan incident at Japan's door, and outlines the incidents leading up to the battle.

The Japanese accusations against the Chinese troops only reveal the customary Japanese tricks and the assertions in the Japanese Note of January 11 do not accord the facts, states the Note.

"The Japanese troops, since the occupation of Shanhaikuan, have subsequently attacked Chiumenkow and Shihmentsai, threatening the peace within the Great Wall. They have also often carried out manoeuvres in densely populated areas in the Peking district and elsewhere, violating International Law.

"The Chinese Government, therefore, files a further protest and requests immediate action in respect of the points contained in their Note of January 4, namely the immediate withdrawal of the Japanese troops from the occupied areas at and near Shanhaikuan, the prevention of similar occurrences in the future and the punishment of those who started the trouble.

"The Note also requests the Japanese Government to restrain the unlawful activities of the Japanese soldiers stationed at Peking and elsewhere.—Reuter.

CHINESE SOCCER ELEVEN.

Saturday's Match With Shanghai.

The following have been selected by the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation to represent the Combined Chinese against Shanghai on Saturday, January 28 at the Club ground, Happy Valley, kicking off at 3 p.m. sharp:—

Lim Thin Chan; Lee Tin Sang and Lau Mau; Leung In Chan, Leung Wing Chui, Lai Kwok Chui; Cheng Shui Hong, Mak So, Fung King Cheong, Tam Kong Pak and Ip Pak Wa.

WATERLOW BRIDGE TO BE RE-CONDITIONED

Estimated Cost Of £685,000

London, To-day.

A letter from the Ministry of Transport was read at the London County Council meeting yesterday in which it was stated the Government had reached a conclusion to proceed to re-condition Waterloo Bridge at an estimated cost of £685,000.

A grant of 60 per cent of the cost would be made by the Ministry. He suggested the question of corbelling should be referred to the Fine Arts Commission.—British Wireless Service.

LADY BAILEY FLYING TO PARIS

London, To-day.

Lady Bailey reached Cenis Aerodrome, near Oran, yesterday, and intends to fly to Paris to-day en-route for London.—British Wireless Service.

SERIES OF SEPARATE CONFERENCES

ROOSEVELT WILL CONFER WITH PAYING NATIONS

EVEN DEFAULTING COUNTRIES WILL BE CONSIDERED

WARM SPRINGS, GEORGIA, TO-DAY.

AMERICA HAS EXPRESSED HER WILLINGNESS TO OPEN WAR DEBT DISCUSSIONS WITH ANY DEBTOR COUNTRY WHICH HAS NOT DEFAULTED. MR. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT-ELECT, HAS AUTHORISED MR. HENRY L. STIMSON, SECRETARY OF STATE, TO ARRANGE SEPARATE CONFERENCES WITH THE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE MET THEIR OBLIGATIONS TO THE UNITED STATES, AND ARE NOW REQUESTING AN OPPORTUNITY OF DISCUSSING THE QUESTION OF SOME RELIEF FROM THEIR BURDENS.

It is understood, however, that Mr. Roosevelt does not regard the door closed to those nations which defaulted payment on December 15. He regards the attitude taken by them as "a deferment rather than a default."

The visit to Warm Springs, of Mr. Bernard Baruch, the prominent New York financier and economist, is linked with the impending debt discussion.

The United States' invitation to Italy to discuss war debts has given great satisfaction here. It is the unofficial opinion that other important questions such as the gold standard and tariffs will also be discussed.

A strong delegation will be sent to Washington, probably headed by the Finance Minister, and including many well-known economists.

The delegation will undoubtedly urge Signor Mussolini's policy of a "clear slate." — Reuter.

Six Nations Paid.

London, To-day.

Press reports from Washington state that the Roosevelt Administration will be prepared to discuss war debts with all those nations who paid instalments on December 15.

In addition to Great Britain, other nations who paid on that date were Italy, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Latvia and Lithuania.—Reuter.

DOLLAR STEADY AFTER RISE.

Silver And Pound Improve.

Following its rise of ⅛ to 1/3½ yesterday, the local dollar remained steady, opening at the same quotation this morning.

Silver prices registered a further advance, spot silver opening this morning at 17⅛, an improvement of 3/16 on yesterday's price, while forward silver advanced a similar fraction to 17-3/16.

The pound continues to maintain the upward trend, the London on New York cross rate being quoted at £—G$3.39¾ as against £—G$3.36¼ yesterday. The New York on London rate advanced from £—G$3.36⅜ to £—G$3.39⅞.

FINLAND'S TRADE CONFERENCE

London, To-day.

The Finnish delegates visited the Board of Trade yesterday for preliminary discussions in connection with the forthcoming trade and tariff negotiations.—British Wireless Service.

Finland is one of the many European countries to enter into trade negotiations with Great Britain.

BRITAIN'S VIEWPOINT ON WAR DEBT

Total Cancellation Best For World.

BUT AMERICAN OPINION WILL BE MET

The British Government's attitude regarding war debts was re-stated by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in a speech at Leeds. He said that they believed that the total cancellation of war debts and reparations, would be the best thing that could happen to the whole world.

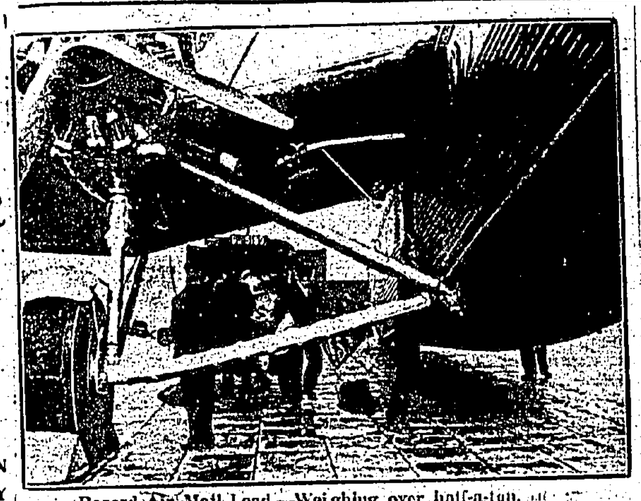
But if that is going further than American opinion is yet prepared to accept, we shall gladly discuss with our American friends, whenever they are ready to receive our representatives, lines upon which an agreement can be reached, bearing in mind two things which seem to us essential," he said.

"Firstly, the settlement to be reached must be final, and secondly, it must not involve a resumption of the claim on Germany for reparations which was the object of the Lausanne Settlement at the end of last year."

Mr. Chamberlain added that to disturb the Lausanne Settlement would be to destroy, for an indefinite period, all prospects of an agreement on matters affecting the happiness and prosperity of Europe and the world. — Reuter.

Negotiations in March.

The United States' discussion with Great Britain will not take place until after the change in administration in America on March 4. When it was announced from Washington on Saturday last, that the United States had agreed to enter into negotiations with Great Britain, it was stated that discussions on the economic problems of the world would take place at the same time.



Record Air Mail Load.—Weighing over half-a-ton, [illegible] est load of air mail carried from Britain to Africa left Croydon Aerodrome, London, on December 14. Loading the huge South African air mail at Croydon.—(S. & G.)

BRITAIN'S AIR MAILS SHOW 20 PER CENT. INCREASE

121 Tons Carried By Aeroplanes During Last Year

London, To-day.

During last year the weight of air mail letters carried from Great Britain amounted to 64 tons, a 20 per cent. increase on the previous year. The weight of all mails rose from 115 tons to 121 tons.

New records for mails to South Africa have also been established.—British Wireless Service.

SKATERS CROWD LONDON'S LAKES

Full Winter Sports In England.

COLD SPELL CONTINUES

London, To-day.

England's "white" winter still continues, heavy falls of snow being reported from the northern counties. Throughout the country the temperature remains below freezing point, and the cold spell shows no sign of breaking.

Winter sports are in full swing, and London's lakes, frozen over with nearly half-an-inch of ice, are crowded with skaters, who are making the most of the unusual conditions before the thaw sets in.

In the North of England and in Scotland, where snow covers the ground, tobogganing and curling are proving popular.—British Wireless Service.

ST. MIRREN WIN.

King's Park Beaten In Scottish Cup.

London, To-day.

St. Mirren are in the Second Round of the Scottish Cup.

Yesterday they defeated King's Park by 5 goals to 1 after a goalless draw on the latter's ground last Saturday. — Reuter.

No Change On Wall St.

No News To Influence Markets.

New York, To-day.

The New York Stock Market is unchanged, reports Messrs. E. A. Pierce & Company, in their daily report, which adds:—There is virtually no news upon which to base a positive opinion.

Industrials, rails and utilities continued on the downward trend, while bonds, which fell .06 on yesterday's quotations, showed a rise of .03.

Business done was very small, only 490,000 shares changing hands.—Reuter.

NORSEMAN THE PROBABLE WINNER

Round the Island Yacht Race.

PRIVATE SWEEPSTAKE

Three Yachts of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club took part in a race round the island last night, completing the course early this morning.

The yachts were Wanderer, (Lieut. Commander Sherwood and a crew of naval officers), Tavy II (Commander Cowland and a crew of naval officers), and the Norseman (Mr. L. F. Nicholson with Captain Dunlop and Mr. G. H. Gandy.

The three yachts started off at 6.30 p.m. from the Yacht Club following the course which was round Hong Kong Island to starboard a distance of 24 miles. The finishing line was the Tamar's masts in line (off the Naval Yard).

The Wanderer was the first to complete the course, passing the Tamar's masts at 5.50 a. m. (approximately) and was followed by the Norseman at 6.25 a.m. and the Tavy II at 9 a.m.

The race which was a Private Sweepstake Yacht Race was held under the same handicaps as recently given by the Yacht Club, and on which Norseman is probably the winner.

Labourites Talk Most In British Parliament

London.

The record of the "columns (of Hansard) spoken" during the session of Parliament which ended November 17, 1932 and began on November 9, have just been published. They show that five Labour members head the list. Of these Sir Stafford Cripps comes first with 874 columns, and Mr. George Lansbury second with 848 columns.

Other totals are:

Mr. Baldwin	104
Mr. Neville Chamberlain	254
Major Elliot	251
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald	83

The woman member who talked the most was the Duchess of Atholl who has 68 columns to her name.

Sir John Cadman, Chairman of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, who has arrived in England from Los Angeles.

INTERPORT CONTESTS COMMENCE

Hong Kong v. Shanghai At Fanling.

SOCCER, RUGBY AND ROWING

The first of the four Interport sporting events commenced this morning when the Hong Kong golfers met the Shanghai representatives in the singles match at Fanling. There is every prospect of a Colony triumph, our first four players — O. E. C. Martin, M. W. Budd, A. E. Lissaman and L. R. Andrewes being players of an unusually high standard for local interports.

The second Interport will be staged to-morrow when the Hong Kong and Shanghai soccer teams clash on the Club ground at 3 p.m. Here again the Colony have a very fair chance of emerging victorious though the visitors' strength lies in their defence, which is said to be the finest the Northern port have fielded in recent years.

The Triangular Golf Interport will be continued at Fanling when Hong Kong meet Manila, who are considered to be the weaker of the competing teams. On Friday the game between Hong Kong and Manila will be resumed, and on Saturday Shanghai meet Manila.

The third Interport—the Rugby match between Shanghai and Hong Kong will be staged in the Northern city on Saturday. Hong Kong will probably commence the game warm favourites, though their weakness at forward may cost them the game.

The fourth Interport—the Rowing encounter between Hong Kong and Manila—will be the main attraction on the Manila sportsman's programme on Saturday. At the last Interport the team divided the spoils. This encounter, however, favours Manila, who are exceptionally strong this year.

LORD CHESTERFIELD PASSES

Long Service In Royal Household.

London, To-day.

The death occurred yesterday of Lord Chesterfield, aged 79, who served for many years in the Royal Household.—British Wireless Service.

Edwin Francis Scudamore-Stanhope, 10th Earl of Chesterfield, K.G., P.C., G.C.V.O., was born in 1854, and was educated at Eton and Brasenose College, Oxford. He was Treasurer of the Queen's Household from 1892 to 1894, and Captain of the Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms a year later.

He retired from the 4th Battalion Shropshire Light Infantry in 1887, and was Lord Steward of His Majesty's Household from 1910 to 1915. He is the holder of the Grand Cross of the Order of Danneborg and also of the Order of the Red Eagle, 1st Class.

ANGLO-PERSIAN OIL DISPUTE FOR LEAGUE

Britain Presents Her Case To-morrow.

PERSIA'S MISUNDERSTANDINGS

London, To-day.

At Geneva yesterday, the League Council appointed M. Benes of Czecho-Slovakia, as rapporteur on the dispute between the British Government and the Persian Government regarding the repudiation by the latter of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company's contract, instructing him to get into touch with both parties and to report back to the Council.

The matter will be taken up by the Council to-morrow when the British Government's case will be presented by Sir John Simon, who left London for Geneva yesterday afternoon. The Persian delegation at Geneva has already revealed some of the arguments by which they hope to justify their repudiation of the contract and their contention that the Company ought to have had recourse to the Persian courts and that the case is not one with which the League ought to deal.

From information available, however, it appears that many of the statements contained in the Persian Government's memorandum are based on a misunderstanding and it is hoped that the majority of the points in the dispute will easily be cleared up upon explanation in the conciliatory atmosphere of the League.

The British delegation is reserving its arguments for to-morrow's Council meeting, when Sir John Simon will justify the action of the British Government in bringing the case before the League a course of action which it is hoped in London, will produce an amicable and equitable settlement beneficial to both parties.

Some surprise has been caused in London by a statement in the Persian Government's memorandum that the Anglo-Persian Company have confined the extraction of oil for over 30 years to an "Area of little more than one square mile" and a contention that the Company had failed to develop their concession to the fullest possible limits.

Actually, the area of the Company's Persian oilfields, from the whole of which oil is now being extracted, amounts to about 150 square miles. The Company has technically examined over 150,000 square miles, drilled 140,000 feet, carried out 880 geological survey and spent £3,500,000 on work of this character outside the two proved producing oilfields.—British Wireless Service.

H.M.S. BERWICK DUE ON SATURDAY

Devonshire Leaving For Malta.

FLEET MOVEMENTS

H.M.S. Berwick of the Fifth Cruiser Squadron, which has been in England on refit, will arrive in Hong Kong on Saturday, January 28.

She will relieve H.M.S. Devonshire one of the ships belonging to the First Cruiser Squadron, attached to the Mediterranean Fleet. The Devonshire will leave Hong Kong for Singapore and Malta on Monday morning, January 30.

Capt. D. B. Le Mottee in command of the Devonshire was promoted to Rear-Admiral on January 23.

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The Woman's Page

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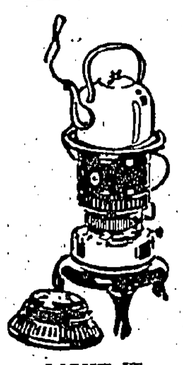

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FURLESS WRAP POPULAR

Most universally becoming and adapted most perfectly, perhaps, to the needs which evening wraps serve, is the long, fitted coat, which covers the frock completely and molds the figure. Breadth may be expressed by a puffy collar, which can be coaxed into different contours, or by capes which hug the neck with scarfs or draw attention to it by pussy-cat bows, often posed under one ear. The sleeves usually collaborate in the broad-shouldered effect, although when placed under a non-detachable cape, they may be moderately small and set in, in tailored style. When the cape is absent, or detachable, the top of the sleeve is usually a large puff, often of a fur contrasted in colour with the material and appearing nowhere else on the garment.

The dark colours and heavy materials which fashion modish evening frocks, are encouraging to the wrap of knee-length, for these sturdy dresses do not require to be completely concealed either in behalf of propriety or daintiness. Such coat models may follow an even line or dip decidedly in the back, but they are nipped in at the waist and expansive with capes and puffed sleeves above.

Thus three lengths are all equally correct and may be chosen according to what is most becoming to the proportions of the figure.

Variants.

An interesting variant from all these types and extremely chic is the full-length cape. Worth has designed one of these, whose interest is enhanced by a shoulder shirred in a deep and elaborate design, which gives both breadth and texture contrast to that part of the garment which is always at present the point of emphasis.

Detachable items, such as little jackets and capes may be bought independently to wear over a plain wrap or, in warmer climates, to serve alone. They are dramatically designed and often intricate in cut and trimming. When furred, they choose a whirling line for their bandings and concentrate them near the armholes and shoulders. Again, the neckline depends only on a scarf or wing bow.

Furless Wrap.

The furless evening wrap is sponsored at present as a distinct fashion feature—probably for the first time. It is, however, more popular among young women who do not need the flattery of fur than by matrons. The fur puff on the sleeve is hardly a compensation, from the point of view of becomingness, and there are in every shop, for the woman who does not demand novelty at all costs, the more conventional and accustomed models with fur placements which soften the face. However, when the neckline is modified only by a scarf of self-material or a bow, a cape, or two or three capes, may be banded with fox, kolinsky, ermine, or French chinchilla, and a diagonal cuff point up the sleeve. For even youth appreciates the sumptuous effects of fur.

Materials.

Velvet of various weights and weaves is the favourite material for evening wraps. The new crystal velvet, having a comparatively hard, flat nap and a slightly granular surface, is very attractive and was used for an unusual three-fourths wrap in a very delicate shade of mauve, which trembles between gray and violet. A huge puff collar gave substantiality to this almost fragile garment.

Broadcloth wraps there are, also, following the same lines as the velvet ones. They are practical for the suburbanite who likes to use a train or to cover up on the town street early in the day the dinner dress which must be worn later.

The woman who is buying for this year also, should examine the lame wraps, for these are coming in. These metal cloths are usually in small designs worked out in gold and black.

In velvets, black, ruby-red, royal-blue, emerald-green, and a very red rust are predominant.

MENU SUGGESTIONS FOR TO-MORROW.

Breakfast.

Grapefruit
Ready Cooked Wheat Cereal Cream
Egg Omelet
Buttered Toast Coffee

Luncheon.

Oyster Soup Crackers
Celery
Peach Sauce Tea

Dinner.

Macaroni and Cheese
Buttered Spinach
Bread Butter
Lettuce Salad
Steamed Fig Pudding Yellow Sauce
Coffee

Macaroni And Cheese.
(Serving six).

3 cups cooked macaroni
4 tablespoons butter
6 tablespoons flour
1½ cups milk
2|3 cup macaroni stock
2|3 cup cheese, cut fine
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
2 tablespoons finely chopped onions
4 tablespoons catsup

Melt butter and add flour. When well mixed add milk and stock and cook until creamy sauce forms. Stir constantly. Add cheese and mix well. Add rest of ingredients and pour into buttered baking dish. Bake for 30 minutes in moderate oven. Serve in the dish in which baked.

Macaroni stock is the water in which the macaroni is cooked.

Steamed Fig Pudding.

(With sour milk)

1|3 cup fat
½ cup sugar
½ cup molasses
2 eggs
1 cup sour milk
1 cup chopped figs
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon cloves
½ teaspoon nutmeg
¼ teaspoon salt
2¼ cups flour
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon baking powder

Cream fat and sugar. Add rest of ingredients and beat well. Half fill greased pudding moulds and steam two hours. Unmould carefully and serve warm, with yellow sauce.

Yellow Sauce.

1|3 cup butter
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
½ cup cream
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ teaspoon lemon extract

Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs and cream. Cook three minutes in double boiler. Stir constantly. Add rest of ingredients and serve at once.

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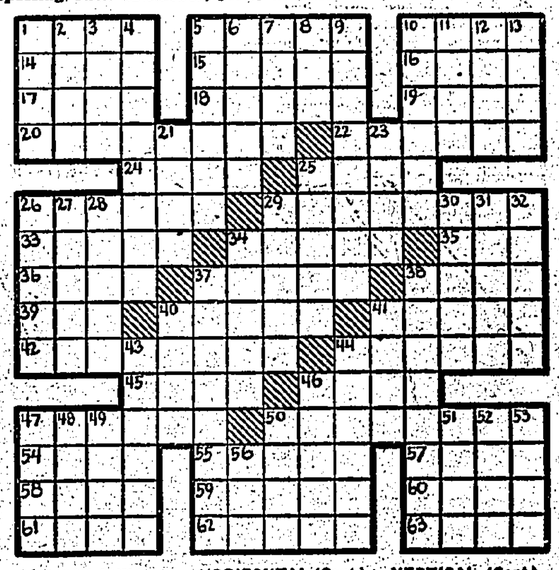
DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

1–Happy
5–Short gaiters
13–Lease
14–Repetition of words
15–A kind of lens
16–One of the Great Lakes
17–River in central England
18–Ascend
19–Prong
20–Banished
22–Trimmed
24–Binds
25–Chief actor
26–Harbors
29–Most severe
33–Island in Gulf of Bothnia
34–In that place
35–Piece out
36–Hoop
37–Furbearing animal (pl.)
38–An entreaty
39–Unit
40–Largest mammal
41–A light yellow
42–Bravest
44–Utters abruptly
45–Eneas (Fr.)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

46–Trudge
47–Smaller
50–Collet
54–Greek god of war
58–Man's name
57–Close by
58–In case of (Law)
59–Worthless (Scot.)
60–Girl's name
61–Stagger
62–Natives of Turkey
63–Finishes

VERTICAL

1–A graduate (Colloq.)
2–Worship
3–Above
4–Signifying
5–Declares a fact
6–Openings in the skin
7–Dry
8–It is (Contr.)
9–Rods of royalty
10–Send back
11–Ireland (Post.)
12–A number
13–A golf term
21–Skin of a fruit

VERTICAL (Cont.)

23–Scarce
25–An upright sculptured slab
26–A noble
27–In a row
29–More fluid
29–Part of the verb shall
30–One who catches eels
31–An English lexicographer
32–Sets of workers
34–Torment
37–Finest
38–Caution
40–Alcoholic beverage
41–A lump of clay
43–A ship
44–Mixes
46–Trick
47–Den
48–Eagle
49–Wither
50–Burn
51–Gaseous element in the air
52–Menu
53–Epochs
55–A day of the week (abbr.)

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in Friday's issue.

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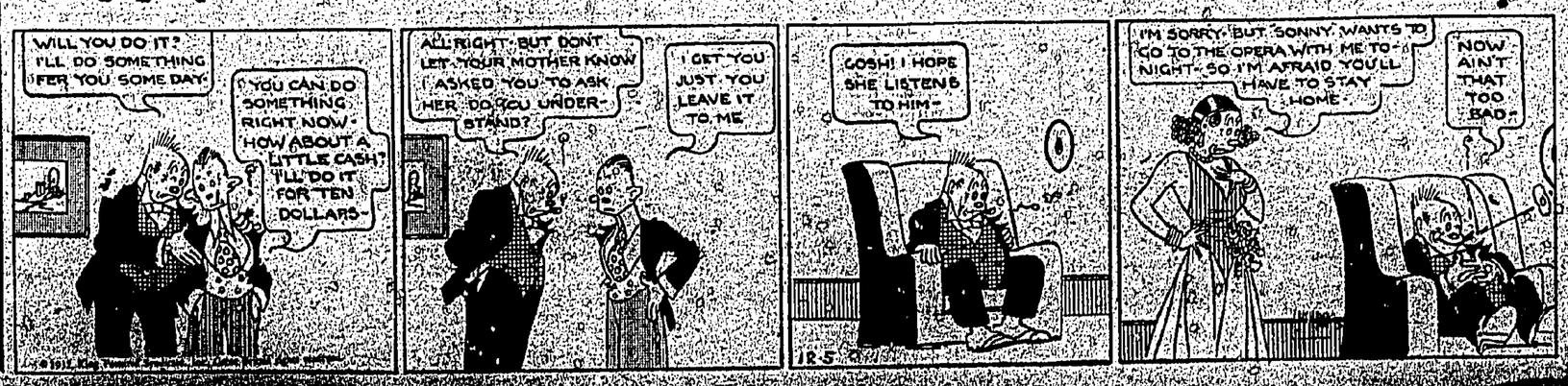

Art and Drama

FIFTY YEARS OF THE THEATRE.

Mr. J. T. Grein Looks Back.

On December 9 Mr. J. T. Grein was entertained to dinner by the Critics' Circle. The dinner was partly to celebrate his seventieth year, partly his fiftieth year of dramatic criticism, and generally for the entire profession to thank this early sponsor of Shaw and Ibsen for a lifetime devoted to making the stage of London a more interesting place.

Mr. Shaw was present—and Mr. Shaw attends very few official dinners these days. So were many other survivors of the struggle when the battle of the modern drama was furiously being fought out in the 'nineties.

Mr. Grein, since on his own admission has seen some 12,000 plays in his career, was how he was still alive and had kept sane through them. Expressing his opinion as to why he was still alive and had kept sane through them, he said "It is because I have an enthusiasm that is unremitting. Every time I go to the theatre I go full of hope. I always try to find something in a play that is good. I sit every play out to the—often bitter—end. I run this enthusiasm tandem with my studies in criminology.

Every Saturday for the last seventeen years I have been down to Marlborough-street Police Court, presided over by my old friend Mr. Mead, the doyen of London magistrates. There is often more drama in a court than there is in a theatre. What living people have actually done and said and thought is not to be neglected if one wants to judge what people do and say and think on the stage." (Incidently, "Max" has stressed this point, and put it in writing that the late Sir Charles Russell, cross-examining, seemed to him a greater and more terrifying performer than any actor.)

Covent Garden Memories

Two Hundred Years Of Triumph

ILLUSTRIOUS HISTORY

(By H. SAXE WYNDHAM).

Covent Garden Opera House has just completed its second century. The writer of this article is Secretary of the Guildhall School of Music.

Has any theatre or opera house in Europe a more illustrious history, or even a longer one, than the Royal Opera House of Covent Garden? It may well be doubted.

La Monnaie, at Brussels, certainly dates from 1700, but the great Milanese establishment, La Scala, was not built till 1778; the San Carlo at Naples opened in 1737, and the Costanzi at Rome and the Staatsopera at Vienna are even more recent. And it can scarcely be claimed for any of these that their annals possess the almost universal public interest which the famous English theatre excited from the earliest years of its existence.

If, as some hold, the ether still contains within itself all sounds ever set afloat upon it, what a concourse of lovely strains must still faintly haunt the heavens that emanated from this corner of London in the last two centuries.

Only Three Theatres.

From Arne and Handel to Rimsky-Korsakoff and Strauss is a far cry indeed. When Covent Garden Theatre first opened its doors with a performance of Congreve's "Way of the World," music in London, and English music in particular, was in a decidedly parlous state. Opera, as it is known to us to-day, was complete non-existent, concerts were few and far between.

Of theatres providing secular amusement worthy of the name, there were only the three "patent" theatres of Lincoln's Inn-fields, Drury-lane, and the King's Theatre in the Haymarket.

A patent was granted to John Rich, formerly of Lincoln's Inn-fields, for the construction of the new theatre in Covent Garden. Rich had obtained a lease from the Duke of Bedford of a plot of ground at £100 a year as ground rent; he collected £6,000 for the cost of the building, which soon was completed. From that time onwards Covent Garden has had few rivals or compeers as a place of public entertainment in this country o any other.

Garrick on The Stage.

What a list could be compiled of composers and dramatists, famous singers, actors, and actresses, wits, tragedians, celebrated beauties and notorious ruffians, of kings and queens, statesmen and courtiers, whose lives were at one time or another bound up with this noble old playhouse! Its gigantic successes, its heartbreaking failures, the furores of excitement, the disgraceful riots and its awful fires all have passed into history.

It was at Covent Garden that the immortal Handel found his spiritual (and earthly) home until his death in 1759. There the earliest London performances of the "Messiah" were given, and there a scarcely less illustrious composer, Franz Joseph Haydn, produced "The Creation" in 1808. Peg Woffington made her debut on its boards in 1740. Six years later David Garrick himself accepted an engagement at Covent Garden to play with Quin.

On March 15, 1773, Oliver Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer" was first produced on the Covent Garden stage, with the timid author's staunch supporter, Dr. Samuel Johnson, shouting approval in the audience. Then, in 1789, Macklin, at the reputed age of 99, took leave of the drama there in his great part of Shylock.

In swift succession followed many historic debuts and farewells. A disastrous fire destroyed the house in 1808, when twenty-three firemen perished.

House Twice In Flames.

The theatre replacing it was opened by John Philip Kemble and his greater sister Mrs. Siddons, supported by a superb company of great artists too numerous to name. In 1812 Mrs. Siddons retired, and four years later a coming star, William Charles Macready, made his first bow to Covent Garden playgoers. All the stars could not save the fortunes of the place.

The Keans, great father and worthy son, appeared together at Covent Garden in 1833. In succeeding years the theatre passed under the control of many managements, none of them financially successful, not even that of Macready. Then came the Vestris-Mathews period, and in 1847 the emergence of the Royal Italian Opera. In 1856 the theatre was again in flames, and again it was rebuilt, the outer shell of the present structure being then erected. The house was reopened in 1858.

At this time Gye was the impresario, and an impressive host of operatic stars began to shine—notably Patti (in 1861), Mario, Grisi, Santley, Albani, and others.

The surplus energy of Augustus Harris was diverted in 1887 from "The Lane" to Covent Garden, and the De Reszkes, Lassalle, Calve, and other great artists became familiar names in England. Under his management, "Meistersinger," "Tristan and Isolde," and "The Valkyrie" were added to the repertoire. Later the Syndicate took charge, and we come to the Great War, when the vast building became a furniture warehouse, till again music was revived.

ARTISTS FACE THE DEPRESSION.

Drastic Methods Of New Organisation.

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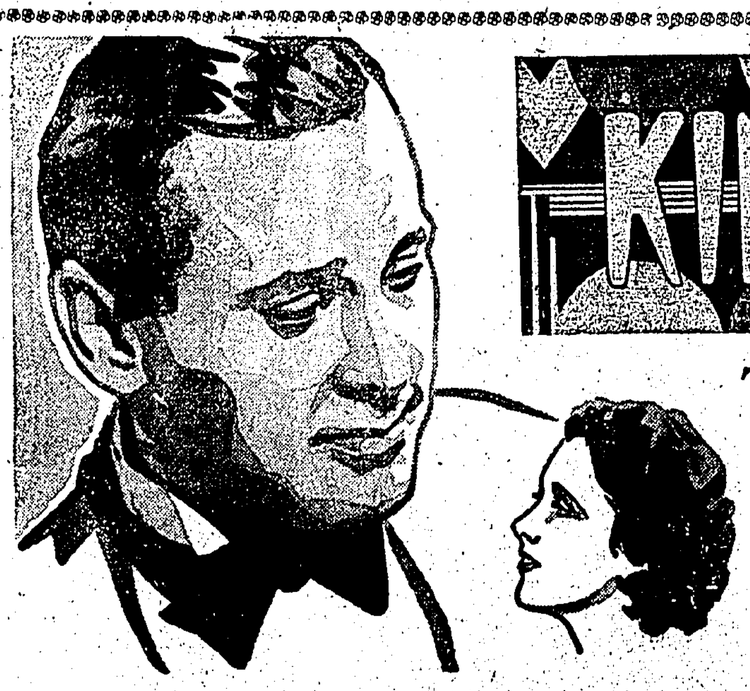
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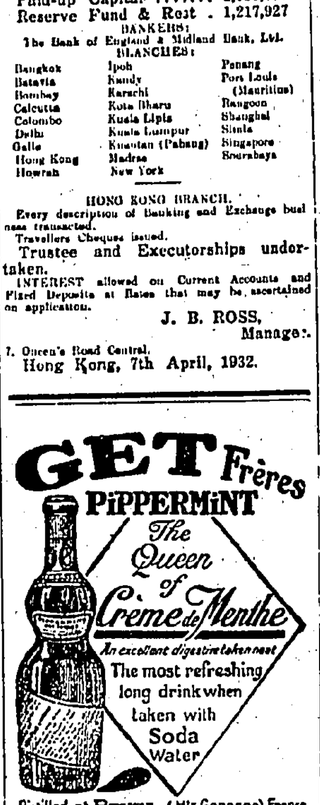

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Economy Urged By Mr. Archbutt.

DEAN SWANN GOING ON LEAVE

The annual meeting of members of St. John's Cathedral was held in the Cathedral Hall yesterday afternoon under the presidency of the Very Rev. Dean Swann.

Many important reports were presented for consideration. As chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. G. S. Archbutt gave a comprehensive review of the Cathedral Finances and stressed the need for continued economy. In his Budget for 1933, he hopes to raise $29,919 from the Goodwill scheme and offertories.

Bishop Hall referred to the departure of Dean Swann on Saturday for Home leave and wished him and Mrs. Swann a pleasant holiday.

In his address Dean Swann said he had been commissioned to find an assistant chaplain for the Cathedral and appealed to the gathering to pray that a really first-rate young priest would be found.

A record crowd attended the meeting which was opened with prayer by the Rev. N. V. Halward.

Dean Swann was supported by Messrs. G. S. Archbutt, E. Maughan, Dr. G. A. C. Herklots and the Rev. Mr. Halward.

Election of Officers.

The meeting was called upon to elect two representatives to the Board of Trustees. Dean Swann explained that the present trustees were Mr. P. Jacks and Mr. P. S. Cassidy. Mr. Cassidy would soon be going on leave, so he suggested that Mr. Jacks be re-elected and Mr. A. Brearley be elected to fill the vacancy.

This was agreed to.

The following were elected as members of the Cathedral Church Council:—Lady Pollock, Messrs. G. S. Archbutt, A. Austin, P. E. Barker, R. T. Barrett, A. Brearley, W. C. Clark, D. J. Crozier, D. S. Harley, L. D. Holmes, T. H. King, F. Mason, T. G. Maunder, Sir Henry Pollock, Capt. J. T. de H. Vaisey, Mesdames Evans, Thwaites, Wood, Misses J. W. Buckwell, N. E. Elliott and W. I. Griffin.

Mrs. Booker, Miss E. S. Atkins, Messrs. H. E. Allen and John Pau were elected to represent St. Peter's Church.

From the Church Council, the following were elected representatives to the Victoria Diocesan Conference:—Sir Henry and Lady Pollock, Mesdames Evans and Wood, Misses Griffin and Buckwell, Messrs. P. E. Barker, W. C. Clark, F. Mason, T. G. Maunder, F. Austin, and Capt. Vaisey.

The following Sidesmen were elected:—Messrs. L. B. Holmes, P. S. Cassidy, H. Owen Hughes, N. L. Railton, S. T. Padgett, D. J. Crozier, F. G. Maunder B. J. de H. Moore J. E. Richardson, J. C. M. Grenham, H. C. Resker, and Capt. Houghton.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were elected auditors for the year.

HUMPHREYS' PROFIT OF $245,225.

Dividend Of 8 Per Cent. Proposed.

A dividend of 8 per cent. on 200,000 shares and a bonus of 1 per cent. has been recommended for allocation out of the profits of Messrs. Humphreys Estate & Finance Co., Ltd., for the year ending December 31, 1932.

This payment absorbs $180,000 out of the profit for the year of $245,225.74. The sum of $10,495.45 will be transferred to Special Repairs and Renewals Account, leaving $54,730.29 to be carried forward.

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With the incubus of the Settlement being lifted from the market, the session this morning opened in a brighter atmosphere, developing, later in the day, into a substantial forward movement of almost the entire list; the issues for which there was a sustained demand being Wharves $142, Lands $77¼, Trams $21½, Ferries $96½, Electrics $77 and Telephones $27¾.

In the minor section, Hotels $9.30, Lights $15.10 and Realties $7.90 were also in favour.

Sales

Hong Kong Banks, $1695.
Providents (new) $1.90.
Hotels (old) $9.15.
Hong Kong Lands $77.
Humphrey's $15½.
Realties $7.70/7.80.
Star Ferries $96½.
Telephones (new) $27¼.
Cements (old) $7.90.

Buyers

Hong Kong Banks $1690.
Douglases $27.
Wharves $142.
Docks $20.
Providents (old) $4.65.
Hotels (old) $9.30.
Hong Kong Lands $77¼.
Humphreys $15.30.
Realties $7.90.
Chinese Estates $95.
Ewo Cottons Tls. 14.
Hong Kong Trams $21½.
Star Ferries $96.
China Lights (old) $15.10.
China Lights (Rights) $7½.
Electrics $76¾.
Telephones (new) $27¾.
Cements (Combined) $10.80.
Dairy Farms $29.60.
Govt. Loans 2¾% Prem.

Sellers.

China Lights (new) $14.80.
Wallace Harpers $9.
China Sports $8.

SOVIET'S NEED OF EXPERTS.

Low Productivity From Inexperience.

INDUSTRIAL FUTURE.

Molotoff, the President of the Council of People's Commissars, addressing the fifth All-Union Congress of Engineers and Techicians, stressed the shortage in the Soviet Union of agricultural and technical experts. He urged the importance of light industry and of the production of goods for home consumption. Soviet industrial development is likely henceforth to take this direction.

Molotoff said that the main problem, that of the low productivity of labour, arose from inexperience and poor organisation. In some cases, he said, the rate of production had actually fallen during the last few years.

2,500,000 New Workers.

The biggest problem at present, said Molotoff, was the creation of staffs of specialists for the branches of Socialist economy. "The fundamental political problem in the country has now been solved in the main," he declared, "and now we must closely take up the practical problems of the organisation of agriculture. No doubt we shall solve them successfully."

During recent years, Molotoff declared, 2,500,000 new workers had been recruited into various enterprises, and they were still learning collective methods of labour and proletarian discipline.

Contrasting the "ever worsening position" of engineers and technicians in capitalist countries with the growing welfare of the technical intelligentsia in the U.S.S.R., Molotoff dwelt at some length on the attitude of the Soviets towards the technical intelligentsia, and enumerated the measures for improvement in their material living conditions. He stated that the U.S.S.R. was the only State in the world which united her aims and hopes with the technical progress in which she firmly believed. He concluded, amid enthusiastic applause, by urging engineers and technicians to be in the forefront of the new Socialist society.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

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STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nom	Fluctuations	Last dividend and when paid	
Banks							
Hong Kong Bank ...$	..	...	1695	1700	...	Final $1 & 1/3=$2⅓ making $6 for 1932	Pending
,, (Lon. Reg.)...£	..	...	...	117½	...		
Chartered Bank .....£	..	..	...	9⅜	Dec	Int. 7/- Nub. to 1/Tax a/c 1932	Sept. —, 32
Mercantile Bk., A&B. £	...	...	...	24⅜	Dec	Interim 6% less 1/Tax a/c 1932	Sept. —, 32
,, C. £		..	...	9⅞			
Bank of East Asia ...$	..	...	.	108	Dec	$½ for 1931	Mar. 21, 32
Amer. O. Fin. Corp.M$	..	...	...	28	Dec.		...
Ch. Fin. Cor. Ord. Tls	..	...	...	6	..		...
,, Pref. ...Tls	..	..	...	4.60	..		
Insurances							
Canton Ins. .....$	..	..	...	1880	Dec	Fin. $ 25cts. $5 for 1931 Interim $1 a/c 1931	May 19, 32
Union Ins. .....$	..	...	...	548	Dec.	Final Tls for 1931 Interim 2/- a/c 1931	May 27, 32
China Underwriters...$	..	...	...	2.45	Dec.	None	...
China Fire Ins. .....$	...	...	.	920	Dec	Final $1 bonus $½ and $ for 1931 Interim $1 a/c 1931	May 27, 32
H. K. Fire Ins. .....$		...		1880	Dec	$1 final bonus $½ making $5 for 1931	Mar. 30, 32
International Assce. Tls.	...	..	...	4.15	Dec.	.....	...
Shipping							
Douglases .....$	27	...	...	...	Dec	Last dividend for 1931	...
H. K. Steamboats ....$	..	...	...	22	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929	...
Indo-China (Pref.) ...$	..	..	...	45	Dec	1½ ex. 2½ on preference for 1931 and 1932	June 19, 29
,, (Def.) ...$	..	..	...	92	...	Last dividend for 1927	...
Shells (Bearer) .....s/-	...	...	...	6.10½	Dec	1/6 Coupon No. 59	...
Union Waterboats ....$	...	...	...	20½	Dec	free 1/Tax for 1931 10 cents for 1931	July 6, 32 Mar. 30, 32
Mining							
Benguets .....$	...	..	..	16½	Dec	Final 10 centavos for 1932	Dec. —, 32
Kailan Mining Ad. s/-	...	...	...	29/6	June	Final 5 % free 1/Tax C'pon 41 for year 31-6-32	Dec. —, 32
Langkats (Single)...Tls.	..	..	..	4	Oct.	T. 0.50 for year 31-10-32	Mar. 13, 30
S'hai Explorations..Tls.	..	...	..	2.10	Dec	None	...
,, Loans .....Tls.	..	...	...	2.80	Dec	Final T. 0.45 making T. 0.80 for 1931	Feb. 6, 32
Raubs .....$	...	...	...	11½	Mar	Third Int. 6d year 31-3-32	Dec. 15, 32
Venezuela Gold Fields $	...	..	..	4.20	June	.....	...
Benguet Explorations $	..	..	...	23cts.	Dec.	.....	...
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.							
H. K. & K. Wharves $	142	...	..	...	Dec	$8 for 1931	Mar. 10, 32
H. K. & W. Docks...$	20	...	...	...	Dec	Last dividend for 1929	...
South Ch. Motors (A) $	..	...	...	10	June	.....	...
,, ("B") $	..	...	...	6	...	.....	...
China Providents (old) $	4.70	4.80	...	...	Dec	15 cents on old 8 cents on new for 1931	Mar. 14, 32
,, (new) $	..	...	1.90	...	...		
Hongkews .....Tls.	..	...	...	93.0	Dec	Interim T. 2 a/c 1932	Sept. 30, 32
N. Engineerings ...Tls.	..	...	...	8.20	Dec	T. 0.25 for 1931	Mar. 8, 32
Shanghai Docks ...Tls.	..	...	...	90	Apr	T. 5 for year 30-6-32	July 30, 32
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.							
H. K. & S. Hls. (old) $	9½	9.80	9.15	80			
,, (New) $	..	...	...	8.90	Dec	6 cts. (old) 30 cts. (new) for 1931	Mar. 18, 32
H. K. Lands .....$	77	78	77	...	Dec	Interim $2 a/c 1932	Aug. 12, 32
Shanghai Lands ...Tls.	...	...	..	24	Dec	Interim T. 0.30 a/c 1932	July 30, 32
Metropolitan Lands Tls	...	...	...	10	Sep.	T. 1 year 30-9-32	Oct. 28, 32
Humphreys .....$	...	...	15½	..	Dec.	$1.20 on old 15 cents on new for 1931	Feb. 29, 32
H. K. Realties .....$	...	...	7.70/.	60	...	Fin. 2 cts. mak. 6 cts. for 1931	Mar. 2, 32
Asia Realties "A"...M$	.	...	...	140	Dec.	.....	...
,, "B"...M$	...	...	..	28	...	.....	...
Chinese Estates .....$	95	...	...	...	Feb	Interim $3 a/c year 28-6-32	Jan. 21, 33
China Realties .....Tls.	...	...	...	13.40	...	.....	...
China Debentures...Tls.	...	...	..	99½	...	.....	...
Cotton Mills.							
Ewo Cottons .....Tls.	14	...	...	...	Dec.	Interim T. 0.35 a/c 1932	Sept. 2, 32
Shanghai Cottons ...Tls.	...	...	...	12	Apr. and Oct.	T. 2-3) for half year 31-12-32	Nov. 28, 32
Zoong Sings .....Tls.	...	...	...	11½	...	T. 0-80 for year 30-6-31	Oct. 6, 32
Wing On Textile S'hai$	...	...	...	135	...	.....	...
Public Utilities							
H. K. Tramways .....$	21½	...	22	...	Dec	Interim 5½ cts. a/c 1932	Aug. 15, 32
Peak Trams (old .....$				16.20		$1 on old 5 cts on new for year 30-6-32	
,, (new) .....$	...	...	...	8	Apr		June 4, 32
Star Ferries .....$	96	...	90½	...	Dec	$8 for 1931	Feb. 11, 32
Yaumati Ferries (old) $	...	...	...	84½	...	.....	...
,, (new $	...	...	...	58½	...	.....	...
China Light (old) .....$	15.35	...	15.20	...	Sept	$1.75 for 1931	Apr. 27, 32
,, (new)...$	14.9.	...	...	...	Sept	50 cts. for year 30-6-32 pay'ble	Jan. 30, 33
,, (Rights) $	...	...	...	7½	Dec	$1.50 for 1931	Ma. 28, 32
H. K. Electrics .....$	77½	77½	...	...	Dec	.....	...
Macao ,, ...$	...	...	...	27	Dec	None	...
Sandakan Lights .....$	...	...	...	18	June	.....	...
H. K. Tels. (old) ...$	...	...	...	30	Dec.	Interim 6% a/c 1932	Aug. 8, 32
,, (new) ...$	28	...	27½	...	...	T. 0.90 for 1930	Feb. 25, 31
China Buses .....Tls.	...	...	...	10	Dec.	7% on preference shares for year 30-9-31	...
S'poreTractions(Ord.)s/	...	...	...	3/-	Sept	.....	...
,, (Pref.)s/	...	...	...	12/-	...	.....	...
Industrials							
Malabon Sugars .....$	...	...	...	27½	Dec	Ps. 4.50 for 1930	Mar. 4, 32
Cald: Macg. Ord...Tls.	...	...	...	14	Dec	T. 1 T. 0.80 for 1931	Apr. 29, 32
,, Pref...Tl.	...	...	...	10½	...	.....	...
Canton Ices .....$	...	...	...	6	July	25 cents for year 31-7-32	Oct. 19, 32
Cements (com.) .....$	30.90	...	...	...	Dec.	15 cents on old 15 cents on new for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
,, (old) .....$	7.90	...	7.90	...	...	.....	...
,, (new) .....$	...	...	...	8½	...	.....	...
H. K. Ropes .....$	...	...	...	11.05	Dec.	85cts. bonus 15cts. mk. $1 for 1931	Apr. 7, 32
China Agriculturals ...$	...	...	...	7	Dec.	.....	...
Stores, &c.							
Dairy Farms .....$	29½	...	...	...	Dec.	$1.75 for 1931	Mar. 2, 32
Watsons (old) .....$	...	...	...	12½	Oct.	80 cents on old for year 31-10-32	Apr. 19, 32
,, (new) .....$	...	...	...	11.40	...	.....	...
Dr. A Wings .....$	...	...	...	1	...	5 cts. bonus 5 cts. for year making 10 cts. 32-12-32	June 8, 32
Lane Crawfords .....$	...	...	...	5.40	Feb.	$1 bonus 50 cts. for year 30-6-32	Apr. 28, 32
Mackintosh .....$	...	...	...	21	Feb.	$1 bonus 50 cts. for year making $1.50 32-6-33	May 17, 32
Sinceres .....$	...	...	...	15½	Feb.	2 c a bonus 10 cts. for year making 50 cents 32-12-32	Apr. 22, 32
Wm. Powells .....$	..	...	...	3.85	Feb.	.....	...
Wing On (H.K. .....$	..	..	..	225	...	.....	...
Miscellaneous							
H. K. Amusement...$	...	...	...	15	Mar.	$1.25 for year 31-3-33	Sept. 28, 32
Ch. Entertainment ...$	...	...	...	12.40	Dec.	50 cents for 1931	Mar. 23, 32
S. C. Enterprises .....$	...	...	...	3½	June	.....	...
United Theatres ...Tls.	...	...	...	6½	Dec.	.....	...
Macao "Greyhounds" $	...	...	...	10	Dec.	.....	...
Constructions (old) ...$	...	...	...	6.10	Dec.	40 cents on old 12½ cents on new for 1931	Apr. 5, 32
,, (new) ...$	...	...	...	3.40	...	.....	...
B. Ind. G$ Bonds ...$	...	...	...	66%	...	Interest half yearly	...
H. K. Govt. Loans ...$	91%	Prem.	...	...	...	$3 for year 31-3-33	May 11, 32
Wallace Harpers & Co. $	...	9	...	...	Jan.	.....	...
China Sports Ltd. ...$	...	8	...	...	...	.....	...

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 1st February, to MONDAY, 13th February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 24th January, 1933.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF HONG KONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED, will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 16th day of February, 1933, at 12 o'clock noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER of MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 2nd, to THURSDAY, the 16th February, 1933, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, January 25th, 1933.

COMPANY MEETINGS

THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY, 14th February, 1933, at NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1932.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, 31st January, to TUESDAY, 14th February, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 20th January, 1933.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 9th February, 1933, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1932.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 1st February, 1933, to Thursday, the 9th February, 1933 both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 24th January, 1933.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

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R. M. HENDERSON,
Director of Public Works.

Public Works Department,
Hong Kong, 23rd January, 1933.

GENERAL NOTICES.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN Accordance with Government Ordinance, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 26th and 27th January (Chinese New Year Holidays).

Hong Kong, 23rd January, 1933.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

WE BEG TO NOTIFY our Customers that all Departments will be CLOSED on THURSDAY, 26th inst., and FRIDAY, 27th inst. with the following exceptions:—

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THE ANNUAL DINNER DANCE will be held at the PENINSULA HOTEL on FRIDAY, February 3, 1933.

Booking of tables is now open at the Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels. The charge $6 for each person and should be paid at the time of booking.

By Order,
B. D. EVANS,
Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, January 21, 1933.

SPORTS NOTICES.

HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

UNDER the AUSPICES of the Hong Kong Football Association, the following Interport Soccer Matches will be played on the Club's ground:—

Thursday, January 26th.
Hong Kong v. Shanghai.

Saturday, January 28th.
Shanghai v. Hong Kong Chinese.

Both matches start at 3 p.m.

Seats in the Members' enclosure in the covered stand may be booked at the Club House on Saturday, 21st January, and on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings following at from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

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INTERPORT PROGRAMME.

Thursday, January 26th—
Hong Kong v. Shanghai, Club ground.

Saturday, January 28th—
Shanghai v. H.K. Chinese, Club ground.

Monday, January 30th—
Shanghai v. United Services, Kowloon ground.

All matches start at 3 p.m. sharp.

Booking for the 26th and 28th for the covered and uncovered stands will open at Messrs. Anderson on Monday, the 23rd.

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There will be no booking for the match on the 30th, prices $1.00 and 50 cents. All above prices include tax.

W. E. HOLLANDS,
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CINEMA NOTES

MAIL REVIEW.

"PACK UP YOUR TROUBLES" —QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy, the inimitable pair of screen comedians, embark on another hilarious trip in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's latest comedy feature, which is the current attraction at the Queen's Theatre. It is a picture which old and young folk will enjoy.

In "Pardon Us" the pair were prisoners, then in "Beau Hunks" they joined the French Foreign Legion, but in "Pack Up Your Troubles," Laurel and Hardy enlist in the Army. They go to war, and then the trouble and the fun becomes rife. Hardy's clumsiness coupled with Laurel's stupidity gives the film its full measure of laughter. Worth seeing!

MAIL REVIEW

"TROUBLE IN PARADISE"—KING'S THEATRE.

"Trouble in Paradise," the new Lubitsch film, which is now showing at the King's Theatre, will give the world a great deal of amusement. It also gives the world a new star—the English Herbert Marshall.

Hitherto Marshall, on the screen, has been a "featured" player as distinct from a star. In "Trouble in Paradise"—the last picture he made before temporarily returning to England—he is still only "featured," this time with Kay Francis and Miriam Hopkins. But his performance is so brilliant, so extraordinarily polished, and at the same time so strong, that he has won stardom in a stride.

"Trouble in Paradise" is the best film that Ernst Lubitsch has given us for years. He has taken a couple of international jewel thieves and a wealthy woman in Paris and woven round them a story shot through with the wit one expects of this most sophisticated of directors and a romance which is quite new.

It is a dazzling performance in one of the most dazzling pictures of the year.

MAIL REVIEW

"GIRL CRAZY"—CENTRAL THEATRE.

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One of the "side shows" is provided by little Mitzi Green, who makes a big hit with her impersonations of Roscoe Ates, George Arliss, Edna May Oliver, and others.

MAIL REVIEW
"SUNSHINE SUSIE"—STAR THEATRE.

By special request, the popular British musical comedy "Sunshine Susie," is being screened at the Star Theatre for to-day only. Renate Muller, Jack Hulbert and Owen Nares have the leading roles.

MAIL REVIEW
"THE BIG GAMBLE"—MAJESTIC THEATRE.

Bill Boyd and his wife, Dorothy Sebastian act together for the first time in "The Big Gamble" now showing at the Majestic Theatre.

The story is about a young man who sells his life for an insurance policy, which will square his debts after his death, and leave a big profit to the man into whose power he has fallen—then he falls in love with his wife and wants to live.

MAIL REVIEW

"SUNNY SIDE UP"—ORIENTAL THEATRE.

Charles Farrell and Janet Gaynor head the cast in "Sunny Side Up" a delightful musical comedy now showing at the Oriental Theatre. Many catchy tunes features the film, especially "Sunny Side Up," "You've Got Me Picking Petals off Daisies." Marjorie White and El Brendel render excellent support.

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Hong Kong, Wednesday, Jan. 25, 1933.

India.

The final plenary session of the Indian Round Table Conference dissolved in an atmosphere of hope. A distinguished delegate of the Hindus said that the British Government had been in error, by not releasing Mr. Gandhi from prison. His captivity is self-sought. His release would have in no way affected the progress of discussion. Probably many of his compatriots felt that his absence was a blessing in disguise. Mr. Gandhi's obstinacy and fanaticism are not helpful to negotiations, the aim of which is a reasonable compromise. Lord Sankey, optimistic by nature, voiced the wish that when the Select Committee meets in April, delegates will be able to give a definite assurance of entry into the proposed Federation of India. He may be over-sanguine. There are only two months to go, and there is much to be settled. The report of the Simon Commission recommended Federation as the only expedient capable of welding India, "a geographical expression," into a political entity, of which the substance only has been maintained by the British Raj. General principles for a Federation may be easy to frame, but details are apt to prove stiff hurdles. The Australian colonies were homogeneous in population and traditions, but Federation was not brought about by the stroke of a magician's wand. One of the impediments to the Federation of India is the attitude of the Native Princes, who, so far from having any quarrel with the existing regime, are reluctant to depart from it. Lord Sankey said that their interests would be preserved. Subsequently the Maharajah of Nawanagar, better known in cricket circles as "Ranji," and possessing the confidence of his own people and of the British, asked for enlightenment on several points. Will the paramountcy of these Princes in their own realms and their treaty rights with Britain be maintained? Will they be required to bear the burden of a depleted Federal Indian treasury? These questions are reasonable. The Native States as distinct from the British provinces have clung to their institutions and individuality, a desire always supported by Britain. They are an important element in conglomerate India, comprising, as they do, more than a third of her area and nearly a quarter of her population. The tyranny of their rulers has been tempered by British advice, and they prefer the British supervision to anything which national congresses and round table conferences may offer. A writer in a recent number of the "English Review" says that they are alarmed at seeing administration falling more and more into the hands of native Indians, whose equipment is no stock of traditions, much theory, and little practical knowledge. Eloquent rhetoricians deride the notion of a "United States of Europe." They overlook the inconvenient fact that in India far greater diversities of race, religion, and culture exist. Mr. Gandhi, who in some respects resembles Mr. De Valera in outlook, has advanced a claim, on behalf of India, for a fantastic sum alleged to be due on account of British spoliation. The demand is fantastical. Nevertheless, Britain owes India a bigger thing than can be reckoned in money. It is responsibility for the future. Britain rescued India from a turmoil of civil war, religious vendettas, and invasion. Britain cannot, in justice to the inarticulate multitude she has befriended, and upon whom she has bestowed relative prosperity and security, withdraw safeguards without corresponding guarantees. The many millions of increased population which British administration has brought into being and nurtured, cannot be deserted. "Mother India," left to herself, can be a very hard mother, and it is doubtful whether Brahmin bureaucrats, supersessors of British, would make her dispensations kinder. Thoughtful Indians recognise this. The government of India is one of the biggest problems that has ever confronted man. It will not be solved by conferences or recriminations of spectacular fasts by a Mahatma, which become tedious by repetition, but by a spirit of co-operation. Who has refused to co-operate? Not the British, who may be accused of having exceeded the limits of generosity. Not the illiterate "ryots," peasants who constitute about two-thirds of the population, and only want to be left alone. The chimerical aspirations of "Swaraj" have been the stumbling block.

HERE, THERE and EVERYWHERE

"Jim" and "Bob."

Informality is the order of the day in the House of Commons.

Recently, Mr. J. H. Thomas, in addressing the House, referred to "the Hon. Member for Plymouth."

"Sheffield, Jim," said Mr. Baldwin, sitting by his side, and speaking in a voice that could be heard all over the Chamber. And nobody seemed at all surprised.

A similar incident occurred in Lady Astor's early days in the House. She was searching, in the course of a speech, for a passage in Hansard, but could not find it. In desperation she pushed the volume into the hands of Lord Robert Cecil (as he then was) and in a penetrating whisper pleaded, "Do find it for me, Bob."

Your Daily Smile.

A bashful youth had been presented to a vicacious flapper, and for ten minutes he sat speechless, growing redder and redder and more embarrassed. At length the girl said sweetly, "And now let us talk of something else."

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She was not nearly so young as she pretended to be. He was a well-known comedian and was beginning to be rather bored by her gush and affection. "Do you know," she gurgled, "one of my greatest friends used to be a comedian?" "Was it Dan Leno?" he asked—and there was an appalling silence.

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She dispatched the following telegram to five of her husband's best friends: "Jack hasn't come home. Am worried. Is he spending the night with you?" Soon after this her husband arrived home and explained the cause of his delay. While he was talking a boy brought in five answers to her telegrams all worded: "Yes, Jack is spending the night with me."

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The superintendent of a lunatic asylum directed one of the inmates to whitewash the walls. The patient did as directed and performed a very creditable job, but for some reason he neglected to whitewash the space over the clock. "That's very well done," said the official when he returned to inspect. "But why did you leave that space over the clock?" "Oh, I don't believe in working over-time," was the ready response.

Facts You Did Not Know.

Enforcement of a strict ban on smoking on the miles of Port of London Authority docks has led to a rapid increase in sales of chewing gum from vending machines.

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An airplane built by a Kansas man has two wings on each side on the same level, the pilot being seated in front of the motor, which drives a propeller in the rear.

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Eggs laid by hens on a Berlin poultry farm drop through nests to a travelling band, which carries them to a place where they are automatically stamped with the date.

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German scientists are experimenting with a device to protect growing vegetation from frost with fogs produced by dripping dissolved sulphur trioxide into drums of unslaked lime.

News In Brief.

Three cases of small-pox were notified to the Health Authorities on Monday.

In observance of the Chinese New Year, no publication of the *China Mail* will be made to-morrow. To-day and Friday only one edition will be published.

Kowloon is now to have a foreign dentist of her own. Dr. John Lanchester, who comes from South Africa, has commenced practice at 82 Nathan Road, first floor. Dr. Lanchester is well qualified. He is a licentiate in Dental Surgery of the English R. C. S. and has also the American degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery (N. U. Chicago.)

A fancy dress dance is to be held at the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club to-night, commencing at 9.15 o'clock. The Blue Rhythm Dance Orchestra will be in attendance. The charges are $2 for gentlemen and $1 for ladies. Evening dress is optional.

THE METEORIC RISE OF MONTE CARLO

TWINS WHO SWINDLED PARIS BOURSE

FORTUNES WON AND LOST

(By BRUCE LOCKHART)

Money is now being spent on enhancing the traditional attractions of Monte Carlo. Half a million pounds' worth of improvements will be made in the Sporting Club. If, like myself, you find gambling dull, that will be half a million wasted as far as you are concerned.

Yet, whether you are lured or repelled by the amusements of Monte Carlo to-day, you cannot fail to be interested in the history of that unique town's rise from a cluster of miserable fishing huts to a place of glittering palaces, luxury hotels and expensive villas.

That history, which is in essence a tale of two brothers, has just been told in fully documented form in a remarkable book published by the firm of Insel-Verlag, Leipzig, and called "Die Zauberer von Homburg und Monte Carlo." The author is Egon Conte Corti, who wrote "The Rise of the House of Rothschild."

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On December 12, 1806, twin sons were born posthumously to Marie Therese Blanc, the widow of Claude Blanc, a poor tax-collector, in a village close to Avignon. The twins, like as peas both in appearance and in character, were christened Louis and Francois. Their godfathers were a hosier and a shoemaker.

Louis and Francois received a sound education, grew to manhood, and tried their luck at various forms of business, mostly of a speculative nature. Card-playing, to which they were early addicted, supplemented their income, and in 1834, at the age of 28, they opened a small banking business in Bordeaux.

Their business was mainly in French rentes. Very soon the twins realised the importance of early information. In those days the Morse code was not in existence. Between Tours and Bordeaux, however, the French Government maintained for its own messages a system of aerial signals.

By bribing the various telegraph signallers between Tours and Bordeaux to insert a single false letter in the Government code messages the Blancs were able to obtain information regarding the rise and fall of rentes on the Paris Bourse many hours before their competitors. At the same time, a simple system was devised to keep the Tours telegraphist well posted. If French rentes tell by 25 centimes the Blancs' employee in Paris sent him a small packet of ties. If the "rentes" rose, the packet contained gloves.

For three years the system worked without a hitch. The Blancs reaped richly. Then came exposure.

On his deathbed one of the bribed officials confessed, and the twins were brought to trial at Bordeaux. They quoted in self-defence the precedent of the Rothschilds, who had their own system of signals. And, although declared guilty of bribing 36 Government officials, they suffered no further punishment than the payment of the costs of the action. They left Bordeaux, but kept their gains.

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For a time the brothers stayed in Paris, where they frequented the numerous gambling clubs then in existence. When, in 1837, Louis Philippe suppressed public gambling, the Paris gambling-house keepers flocked to Germany.

The Blancs then took their big decision. They, too, would obtain a gambling concession. They went to Homburg, then a small town administered by a Landgrave and heavily indebted to the bank of Rothschild. In 1838 they obtained their concession, and, because of their energy and their skill in buying publicity, the venture was a success from the start.

Louis Blanc died in 1849, but Francois found a new partner in his second wife, the younger daughter of a German shoemaker. He educated her, they got married in 1854. She was his faithful helpmate to his death.

Francois remained in Homburg until 1870. It was a period of unprecedented prosperity. Yet he had his anxieties—trouble with the shareholders, trouble with the Landgrave, threats from blackmailers and desperate losers, and, most dangerous of all, losses to successful gamblers.

On September 26, 1852, Prince Charles Lucien Bonaparte came to Homburg. In three days he won 130,000 francs. He stood aloof for three days and then returned to the tables for a last sitting. At first he lost. Then the luck turned, and within a few hours he won 560,000 francs, with which he had the good sense to be content.

Eight years later Thomas Garcia, a Spaniard, terrified the shareholders by winning 800,000 francs. Garcia, however, could not keep away from the tables, and in the end the bank recouped its losses.

Among the famous players who visited Homburg were Lasalle, the aristocratic-looking German Socialist, who appeared at the tables carrying Robespierre's cane; Paganini, the great violinist; Garibaldi and Dostoyevsky. All four were losers.

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The Prusso-Austrian War of 1866 was the first real spoke in Blanc's roulette wheel. Bismarck had made up his mind to put down gambling, and Blanc, determined not to risk another centime in Germany, turned his eyes elsewhere.

Princess Caroline of Monaco had become inspired by the success of the German gambling centres. She decided that a casino was the best means of relieving her own impoverished subjects.

Here was the opportunity for Francois Blanc, and he seized it with both hands. He took himself and his vast Homburg fortune to Monte Carlo. In 1866 alone he spent more than two million francs on laying out streets, gardens and harbours.

The profits speedily justified his expenditure. Monte Carlo was to be a bigger success for him than Homburg. Within two years the annual profits had reached the sum of 2,386,000 francs on a capital of 8,000,000 francs.

After the Franco-Prussian War Blanc never looked back. The aristocracy of all Europe, headed by the Prince of Wales, came to Monte Carlo. Hotels sprang up like mushrooms. In 1874 the profits rose to 8,000,000 francs.

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Nothing, perhaps, illustrates so well Blanc's acumen as his loan to the French Government in 1874 to enable it to complete the Paris Opera House. For him it was a good investment in two senses. His money was safe, and he could count on the goodwill of the French Government, whose co-operation was essential to the comfortable transport of visitors to Monte Carlo.

In 1876 he married his elder daughter Louise to Prince Constantine Radziwill. The next year he died at the age of 71 from the asthma from which he had long suffered. His wife survived him by four years, after marrying her second daughter, Marie, to Prince Roland Bonaparte, a nephew of the Charles Lucien Bonaparte who had broken the bank at Homburg nearly thirty years before.

Francois Blanc left close on four million sterling—an immense fortune for those days. The Press of the time gave [illegible] lines to his will, which provided generously both for the poor and for his Catholic priest, who received a million francs.

The return of notifiable diseases for the week ended January 21, gives the following:—small-pox 22 cases, 8 deaths (3 imported); diphtheria 5 cases, 2 deaths; enteric fever 2 cases, 1 death; paratyphoid fever 2 cases; meningitis 6 cases 3 deaths (1 imported), puerperal fever 1 case, 1 death; tuberculosis 47 deaths.

St. Paul's College Prize Day

Bishop Distributes Awards

CHINA'S NEED STRESSED

China's need for men, who are men in the highest sense of the word, was stressed by the Headmaster (Mr. E. G. Stewart) in reading his annual report at the Prize Giving of St. Paul's College held last night.

The Hon. Dr. S. W. Ts'o, O.B.E., LL.D., who has been a member of the College Council for eighteen years, presided over the gathering. A welcome was also extended to the Bishop of Victoria (Rt. Rev. Ronald Hall), who later distributed the prizes and certificates.

A Concert was given in the open-air, and was much enjoyed.

Reading the report, the Headmaster said:—

"It is now 83 years since the founding of this College and just 24 years since this school was opened.

"The past year has, for the most part, been uneventful.

"Towards the end of October the Inspector of English Schools gave three days to a thorough inspection of the school and was evidently favourably impressed on the whole, making special comment on the written work which he says, "was generally neatly done."

"The enrolment of the past year was lower than that of recent years due largely, no doubt, to the fact that large numbers of schools have sprung up in the Colony of late. I understand that there are now 120 schools teaching English, two of which are at our very doors.

"The highest number enrolled during the year was 350 and the average attendance was 313.

"As many as 15 have completed the year's attendance without a day's absence.

Examinations.

"In the Hong Kong Locals, 4 passed the Senior, Chung Hok-leung securing a Distinction in Arithmetic, and 16 passed the Junior Cheung Kam-tin having Distinction in Mathematics, Chiu Ping-cheung and Chiu Sze-kan both in Arithmetic; Tsoi Mong-yok in Arithmetic and Mathematics and John Poon getting three Distinctions in Arithmetic, Mathematics and Mechanics.

School sports were carried on with the usual keenness. We might specially note that in the Inter-Schools Sports the record for the long jump was broken by Yung Ki-fong with a jump of 20 feet 2½ inches. In the Inter-Schools Volleyball League, St. Paul's won the Junior and small Boys Championships. Inter-class competitions and Group games in volleyball, basketball, pingpong and swimming were held during the year, in which a large number of students participated. Mr. Ho Ka-lau is indeed to be congratulated on the good work he has done as Sports Master, a position he has now held for a number of years.

"There have been but few changes on the Staff during the past year. In the Spring, Mr. Chung Pak-kwong left us and Miss Fullerton joined the Staff. Of those with us some have seen long service, Messrs. Wong Shiu-pun, Loh Hin-loi and Liu Iu-nung having served the school for more than twenty years.

"Our troop of Boys Scouts has developed well under the able encouragement of Rev. N. V. Halward.

"We regret to record that one of the most promising Scouts, Fung Kai-lung, died during the summer holidays. Another greatly missed from the troop, Chan Sau-chong, has been ill since August. Wong Chi-shing gave valuable help to the Troop but owing to ill health has not been able to do much during the latter months of the year.

Free Night School.

"A useful piece of work carried on by the boarders in the Hostel, is the Free Night School for poor boys in the neighbourhood. This school was opened fourteen years ago and has been steadily carried on by succeeding generations of boarders. In order to carry this good work one step further, they are planning to raise an endowment fund, the interest on which will enable them to offer a free scholarship to one of the night school students enabling him to have free board and lodging in the Hostel as well as free tuition.

"As a Church school we note with thankfulness that ten of our senior students were baptized in March last, and we understand that there are others hoping to follow their example. We are looking to them, as well as to the many others who have passed out of the school, to keep ever before them the ideal which we set long ago before ourselves in an old school song to "send from these walls a noble band, who will work for the good of their country."

"China needs men to-day who are men in the highest sense of the word, men of noble purpose, true in word and pure in deed," he concluded.

Prize List.

Scholarships 1932: — Class 1—Chung Hok-leung (Dux) (Gold Metal), Class 2—John Poon (Lander Scholarship), Class 2—Tsoi Mong-yok (Lander Scholarship), Class 3—Si Chok-sang (Jan See-chin Scholarship), Class 4—Ho Wai-lim (Ho Tung Scholarship), Class 5—Ho See-lau, Class 6—Cheung Hing-cheong, Class 7—Kwok Yan-hung, Class 8—Yuen Yuk-woon.

Senior Certificates:—Chung Hok-leung, Lee Ping-yiu, So Tze-chung, Tam Pak-hee.

Junior Certificates:—Cheng Ping-kee, Cheung Kam-tin (Dist. Math.), Chiu Ping-cheung (Dist. Arith., Math.), Chiu Sze-kan (Dist. Arith.), Chung Sze-leung, Lau Ping-kwok, Leung Sun-fook, Ng Ying-fu, John Poon (Dist. Arith., Math., Mech.), Poon Kwong-yim, Shum Yu-kam, Tam Chun-nam, Tso Mong-yok (Dist. Arith., Math.), Mark Wei, Yu Sik-kwai.

Chinese Graduation Certificates:—Chung Hok-leung, So Tze-kui, Tso Ming-on, Yung Ki-fong, Cheng Kwai-ping, Tsoi Chi-wing, Lam Katsau, Tam Pak-hee, Chan Ping-shing, So Tze-chung, Ching Hong-fat, Wong Yuen-chiu, Lam Wan-kwai, Chan Ching-om, Tse Shu-man, Yung Shau-pang, Lee Ping-yiu.

OVERSEAS LEAGUE CONCERT.

Two One-Act Plays In Programme.

An announcement recently appeared in these columns stating that the local branch of the Overseas League were contemplating arranging a concert for the benefit of League members and their friends, similar to the one held in 1932. The preliminary work involved has rapidly gone ahead, the affair will take place on the evening of February 10 at the Helena May Institute.

The main feature on the programme is the production of two one-act plays, most of the artistes taking part being people who have had previous experience on the local stage.

The plays to be performed, and now in rehearsal, are "The Old Lady Shows Her Medals," a delightful Barrie effort, and the trial scene from "The Bells." The latter play is well known as the one that helped to build the reputation as an actor of the late Sir Henry Irving. Since then H. B. Irving, equally famous in the theatre world, Sir John Martin Harvey, and other actors of the older school, have produced, and performed in, "The Bells" from time to time with definite success. It is a production however rarely attempted by amateur players and it will be interesting therefore to see what our local Thespians make of what is considered extremely difficult stage work.

Apart from the items mentioned above, Mr. G. W. E. True's band will play selections, and piano-forte solos will be rendered by Miss Amelia Lee.

Having in mind that the concert last year was a definite success, the Overseas League have been encouraged to aspire to even greater things in this next entertainment. They are therefore looking forward to the support of everyone, but particularly that of League members. Tickets for the concert may be purchased from the Hon. Secretary of the League at the Helena May Institute.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 K.C.'s):—

12.30 p.m.—European programme of Victor & H.M.V. records.

1 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

1.15 p.m.—A relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra by courtesy of the Management (During the intervals recorded music will be broadcast from the Studio).

1.30 p.m.— Rugby Press News, Selected London & New York Stock Quotations, etc.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
4.30-7 p.m.—Chinese programme.
7-12 midnight—European programme
7 p.m.—Selected London & New York Stock Quotations, etc.
7.15-8.10 p.m.—Variety.
8 p.m.—(Local Time & Weather Report).

Organ Solo—
Everybody's Melodies
Leslie James B3213.

Songs—
(a) Clementine (b) Solomon Levi
Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone)
B2992.

Piano Solo—
Body and Soul
Carroll Gibbons B3347.

Selection—
From Erik Charell's "White Horse Inn"
New Mayfair Orch. C2205.

Orchestral—
Y Como le Va
International Novelty Orch. B5519.

Songs—
Plantation Songs
Paul Robeson (Bass) C1585.

Fox Trot—
Always in my Heart
Isham Jones & His Orch. 24118.

Songs—
(a) There's a Tavern in the Town
(b) John Peel
Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone)
B2992.

Piano Solo—
Moonbeam Dance
Carroll Gibbons B3347.

Orchestral—
El Choclo
International Novelty Orch. B5519.

Fox Trot—
Ev'ryone Says "I Love You"
Isham Jones & His Orch. 24118.
8.10-8.25 p.m.—Orchestral.
Merry Widow—Selection (Lehar)
Marek Weber & His Orch. C1806.
Along the Banks of the Volga (Borchert)
Marek Weber & His Orch. B3837.
Vienna by Night (Komzak)
Marek Weber & His Orch. C1507.
8.25-8.53 p.m.—A Concert.

Violin Solo—
No One Knows (Gordon)
Do You Know my Garden (Haydn Wood)
Renee Chemet 1270.

Song—
Sometime (Kahn-Fiorito)
Dreamin' Time (De Longpre-Strickland)
Madame Amelita Galli-Curci (Soprano) 1144.

Piano Solo—
Prelude in D Flat (Chopin)
Prelude in A Flat Major (Chopin)
Ignace Jan Paderewski 6847.

Song—
The Green-Eyed Dragon (Newman-Charles)
Tavern Song (Watson-Fisher)
Reinald Werenrath (Baritone) 1264.
8.53-9.20 p.m.
Casse-Noisette (Nutcracker Suite) (Tschaikowsky)
Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra directed by Leopold Stokowski.
D1214/D1215/D1216.
9.20-9.30 p.m.—From the Studio.
A talk on "Robert Burns" with vocal illustrations by Mr. & Mrs. J. Logan.
9.30-12 midnight.
A relay of the Reveller's Dance Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden by courtesy of the Management (During the intervals recorded music will be broadcast from the Studio.)
12 midnight—Close Down.

All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co.

The Studio programme between 5.30 and 7 p.m. may, on any day, be replaced by a relay from England, if reception of the latter happens to be good.

TYNESIDE HOME LIFE ASPECTS.

Bishop Hall Talks To Rotarians.

A talk dealing with the social aspects of life in the Tyneside area was given by the Bishop of Victoria (Rt. Rev. Ronald Hall) at the weekly tiffin of the Rotary Club at Gloucester Building yesterday, over which Rotarian S. W. Ts'o presided.

The following guests were welcomed:—Messrs. Lloyd C. Kinnear, of Tacoma, Washington, U. S. A., T. C. Jamison, of Corona, California, G. W. Olinger, of Denon, Color., Capt. R. L. Burnett, of H. M. S. Keppel, Messrs. F. Taylorson, R. Y. Frost, G. M. O. D. Wolf, A. E. Farrell, N. L. Railton and Rev. N. V. Halward, all of Hong Kong.

To-Day's Short Story.

VERY DEEP IN THE FOREST

By William Hallatt.

THE two English brothers, Henry and John, were on a walking tour through the Black Forest. Both of them spoke German more or less; both of them in pre-war days had been interested in things Teutonic, and now they were fulfilling a long-cherished dream by visiting this grand old forest of the wonder tales of Grimm.

They had halted for the night at Baum. They had not done so much heavy walking since 1918, and John had developed a blister. This had come at an unfortunate time; for their holiday had strict limits, and two days later at the utmost they must set their faces towards their rail head—thence Cologne, London and the office.

Henry was justifiably annoyed about his brother's blister; for he had particularly wished to visit the famous Cascades of Satz. These Cascades were only twenty kilometres from Baum; and as he had pointed out to John, a fellow ought to be able to do that distance on his head.

But John was obdurate. Twenty kilometres deeper into the forest entailed another twenty kilometres on the return route to their jumping-off place. No; he was not going! He was resting here in Baum for a couple of days, and then he would be fit for the journey home.

Henry had no wish to cool his heels in Baum, so, on receiving this ultimatum, he decided to make a flying trip to the Cascades alone. He would probably be back the same night—at the very latest early the following afternoon. He shouldered his pack and set out within the hour. John watched him till he was out of sight, hidden by the great trees: then he hobbled back into the inn parlour and nursed his blistered heel.

Henry did not return that night, and in the small hours of the following morning a great storm broke, and raged furiously till mid-day.

John regarded it complacently, and was glad that he had remained behind. He had pricked his blister; and it was almost well.

The weather would hold his brother up. He did not expect him now before even.

Evening came; but no Henry.

On the morning of the third day John was up very early. They were due to start back to-day. He was becoming anxious. By noon he was thoroughly alarmed. His brother must have met with an accident. Nothing short of that would have detained him.

By three in the afternoon he had determined on action.

Twenty kilometres to Satz and twenty back made forty. Forty kilometres were twenty-five miles. He suddenly felt like a lion. He would make a forced march and be back in Baum by midnight. The clock of the old village church was chiming half-past three as he plunged into the forest, making four miles an hour.

For three hours he marched, following the route easily with the aid of his guide book. Though his pace had slackened a little, he was expecting momentarily to hear the noise of the waters. Then he thought he heard a low cry. He halted and looked about him. The track ran straight through a dense screen of foliage. He could see nothing.

He listened. The cry was repeated. It was soft and feminine and distressed. After a moment's hesitation he left the track and pushed his way through the undergrowth. He had not progressed far when he came upon a small clearing, in the midst of which, seated on a fallen tree, was a young girl. Her head was bowed, and from time to time she emitted low cries for help. He approached rapidly, and as he did so she looked up.

Now a strange thing happened. No sooner did she set eyes on his face than she gave a shriek of anguish and almost fell. He ran to her; and at his touch she seemed to revive a little. She stretched out one hand and felt his face, regarding him closely the while: and he thus saw her properly for the first time. She was perhaps not sixteen, but round and full-bosomed, and she was indeed very beautiful, with her long golden hair, blue eyes and dimpled face. There was something childish about her, in spite of her physical development. She sat propped up in his arms, touching his face and hands, and looking at him strangely.

It was pleasant difficulty he had to comprehend her rustic speech. He gathered that she had been collecting firewood and had fallen and hurt her ankle.

She explained why his approach had frightened her. They so seldom saw strangers: and then he was a foreigner—though God be thanked, he spoke German. She trembled a little.

He soothed her gently and asked: "What is your name, my child?"

"Gertrud, Herr Traveller."

"And where do you live, Gertrud?"

For answer she pointed vaguely among the surrounding trees.

"Can you walk?"

She shook her head dubiously.

There was no help for it, he must see the young girl home; nor, if the truth be told, was the duty uncongenial. He was young and strong. He picked her up in his arms, and tramped forward under her guidance.

At intervals he set her down to rest himself; until at length Gertrud said that she would try to walk if he would support her on his arm. This way they made better progress; and the young golden head resting on his shoulder made him half forget the object of his journey. She prattled away merrily. She thought it wonderful that he should speak German so well.

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FRIDAY'S STORY.

Friday's story will be "Accessory Before The Fact," by Algernon Blackwood.

ST. LOUIS INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

Patronal Festival On Sunday.

The St. Louis Industrial School (Salesian Institute) is celebrating the Patronal Feast of their Congregation on Sunday next, the Feast of St. Francis de Sales.

There will be solemn High Mass at 10 a.m. with a panegyric of the Saint preached by Rev. Fr. MacDonald S.J. Immediately after the Mass, there will be an inspection of the different workshop departments to give friends an idea of the work which is being done by the boys entrusted to their care. An opportunity will also be afforded of seeing how far the building work of the new Church of St. Anthony has progressed.

CHEUNG CHAU NOTES

Several visitors are expected at Cheung Chau Island during the Chinese New Year holidays, for which festivity preparations are now in full swing. Fishing junks are anchored close together to facilitate inter-change of visits.

Progress has been made in the erection of the verandah of house No. 18, and the new owner has paid a visit of inspection.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. E. True, who were recently married in St. John's Cathedral, have been spending their honeymoon here.

Some little excitement was caused a few days ago, with the appearance of a movie camera man on a motor truck, mounted on four rubber tyres, and pushed by a few boys. The film taken will probably be shown in the local cinema.

On Sunday last, the Pastor (Rev. Lai Shiu-kway) of the Evangelisation Society, celebrated Holy Communion and preached in the Chinese Chapel, which is situated on the main street of the village.

The Rev. F. E. ("Bobs") Ford, Toc H. Padre, leaves for Shanghai this afternoon by Taiyuan. Mr. Harry Chappel, who is accompanying him on his tour of the Far East, will remain in the Colony for another week and will then join Rev. Ford in Shanghai.

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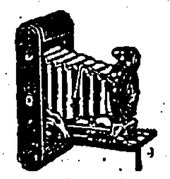

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MANY MATCHES DOWN FOR DECISION.

J. E. Potter, through injury to his left knee, is an absentee, together with A. A. Dand, the skipper, from the Club first eleven against the Army on the U.S.R.C. ground at 5 p.m. to-day.

Potter's position is being filled by J. E. Noronha, a former Sim Shield player. Much interest is attached to the game as it will mark the first appearance of H. Owen Hughes, on the right wing, since his return from Home leave. During Owen Hughes' absence, J. L. Tetley and, on occasions, A. E. P. Guest, have deputised.

With the Borderers at camp, the chances of the Army fielding a strong eleven are greatly hampered.

The last time the Club and Army met, the Army won by the only goal scored by Johnson. The Club on that occasion were without the services of W. E. Williams and G. E. R. Divett, while the Army were composed of no less than eight Borderers.

The Club are fielding a strong team this afternoon and should win.

C.B.A. v. RECREIO.

At King's Park this afternoon, the C.B.A. are meeting the Club de Recreio by whom they were defeated by 7 goals to 2 in October last. The C.B.A. on that occasion were not at full strength, fielding five reserves.

The C.B.A. are fielding a fairly formidable eleven to-day and a good match should be the issue. The C.B.A. will, however, be without C. C. Francis, their skipper, while J. E. Noronha will be an absentee from the Recreio team. Both these players are playing for the Club against the Army.

MAMAK SHIELD GAME.

Funnell, in goal, and Flood, of the forward line, are notable absentees from the R.A.S.C. team which meets the R.E. in a Mamak Tournament match this afternoon, at Sookunpoo.

Ainslie, a newcomer, is appearing in goal, while Gray has been brought into the forward line.

On their best form, the Service Corps, who recently defeated the University, should win. The R.E., however, have a fairly strong combination, and recently put up a great display against the Radio.

K.I.T.C. MAY DRAW.

A draw would be a fair result of the Mamak match to be played between the 24th Battery, R.A. and the K.I.T.C. The latter have yet to record a victory in the Tournament. They have, however, in M. Shaffi, a good leader for their forwards.

Y.M.C.A. v. RECREIO.

At King's Park to-morrow morning at 10.30 a.m. the Y.M.C.A. second eleven are meeting the Club de Recreio in a friendly game. The 'Y' will be represented by the following:—S. Fowler; A. Tate (captain), G. H. Owen; E. F. Selk, R. A. Bates, R. Dormer; L. W. Macey, C. W. Balman, W. J. Browne, G. H. Fowler, and J. Hargreaves.

SAINTS v. 20TH BATTERY.

In their Mamak Tournament match against the 20th Battery, R.A., to-morrow on the Marina ground at 9.15 a.m. St. Andrew's Club will be represented by the following:—R. H. Wong; E. H. P. White, A. B. Hamson; E. MacNider, A. E. P. Guest (captain), F. V. Wong; R. A. Carroll, N. A. E. Mackay, E. F. Fincher, E. C. Fincher, and R. Baldwin.

The Saints, who just managed to beat the 12th Battery (the strongest of the British battery teams in the Tournament) should take the points.

Y.M.C.A. v. SAINTS.

The Y.M.C.A. first eleven are meeting the St. Andrew's Club on Friday on the Marina ground at 9.30 a.m. The 'Y' will be represented by the following:—L. D. Skinner; A. Tate, G. H. Owen, E. F. Selk, H. J. D. Lowe, F. S. W. Smith; S. H. Garrod, G. C. Burnett, W. J. Browne, G. H. Fowler, and R. Baldwin.

The match should be a good one, but the 'Y' are handicapped by the fact that they are playing on a ground of smaller dimensions than the ground they are used to at King's Park, and also that the Saints ground is a sand one.

BOSSUET STILL UNCERTAIN

Pulled Muscle Causes Anxiety.

DR. McELNEY'S ADVICE

Bossuet is still very uncertain regarding his chances of playing in to-morrow's Interport soccer match. He is no better to-day.

Dr. J. H. McElney, the Rugby Interporter, has advised Bossuet not to receive massage on account of the injury being a pulled muscle. He will have a ten minutes' test to-morrow morning.

Bossuet, it will be recalled, pulled a muscle in the first practice the Shanghai team indulged in after their arrival in the Colony. He is their inside left and the French representative.

H.K.C.C. JUNIOR LEAGUE ELEVEN

The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club 2nd XI against the Club de Recreio in a league match on the H.K.C.C. ground on Saturday at 2 p.m.

C. E. Gahagan (Captain), A. K. Mackenzie, H. J. Armstrong, P. E. Baskett, C. W. E. Bishop, L. D. Kilbee, H. J. D. Lowe, A. D. Lowson, R. S. W. Patterson, J. E. Potter, and C. A. Wright.

NO TEAM MANAGER

Three Colony Players At Practice!

POOR ORGANISATION

Owing to some misunderstanding, only three out of the fifteen members of the Hong Kong interport soccer team and reserves turned out on the Club ground yesterday evening for practice.

I cannot understand how this most important fixture was not properly looked after, for there is now no chance at all for a practice.

The Artillery members of team were the only ones to turn up. Pardoe, Allan and Seal kicked around among themselves.

On making inquiries it was also learned that no team manager had been appointed to look after the Hong Kong team.

A team manager should have been appointed and the practice arrangements should have been left in his hands. But from information received from a very reliable source I learned yesterday that all practice arrangements had been left in the hands of the captain, Pardoe. It would have been far more satisfactory had a civilian been entrusted with the difficult task of assembling the team together.

To-morrow's game should by all accounts be a thrilling one to watch and should develop into a duel between either the Shanghai attack and our defence or the home attack and the Shanghai defence, I am inclined to think that it will develop into the former game.

The following is the Hong Kong team:

Rodger (Club); Allan (R.A.), Lau Mau (South China) (Vice Capt.); Leung Wing Chui (South China), Pardoe (Artillery) (Capt.), A. Duncan (Club); Cheng Shui Hong (South China), Wong Mei Shun (South China), A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's), B. Gosano (St. Joseph's), Seal (Artillery).

Reserves:—Martin (Club), Mullane (Borderers), Bliss (Kowloon), Beltrao (St. Joseph's) and C. Pile (Police).

8TH DESTROYER FLOTILLA WIN.

Devonshire Defeated By 3 To 0.

WIN FOR JATS.

On the Naval ground, King's Park, yesterday afternoon, the 8th Destroyer Flotilla defeated "B" Company, S.W.B. by 3 goals to 1.

On the U.S.R.C. ground, H.M.S. Cornwall defeated H.M.S. Devonshire by three clear goals, in a fast friendly match.

On Monday, the Jats defeated the South Wales Borderers by 6 goals to 2.

The Borderers were without the services of Pole, Welton and Davies, whose places were filled by reserves.

The Borderers meet the H.K.S.R.A. on the Marina ground, this afternoon, at 3 p.m.

'Y' LADIES LOSE

On the D.G. S. ground yesterday afternoon, the 'Y' Ladies were defeated by 4 goals to 2 by the Royal Artillery, in a return friendly fixture.

Last week these two teams met and the game resulted in a win for the soldiers by the odd goal in seven.

R. A. O. C. MAMAK WIN

The R.A.O.C. recorded their initial victory and scored their first goal in the Mamak Tournament when they beat the 20th Battery R.A. by a goal scored by Preslin at Sookunpoo yesterday.

RADIO IN ACTION

The naval lower deck hockey team will play the Radio Sports Club at Caroline Hill to-day at 4.45 p.m. with the following team:

Evans (Medway); Steers (Medway), Ward (Hermes); Mercer (Keppel), Swann (Phoenix), Hollison (Cornwall); Doe (Parthian), McCrae (Parthian), Richardson (Cornwall), Rachett (Cornwall) Allen (Medway).

MEDWAY v. WISHART

The Medway will meet the Wishart at King's Park to-morrow at 4.15 p.m. with the following team:

Evans; Steers, Rhodes, Lewis, Dunn, Hodge; Nossworthy, Robertson, Holmes, Conroy and Allen.

TO-DAY'S RUGBY AT VALLEY.

Club "A" v. Borderers At 5.15.

CIVILIANS SHOULD WIN.

The Club "A" should defeat the Borderers "A" at the Valley this afternoon. They have a more formidable back division, though they will have to watch both Hamilton, Lewis, and Hoskins if they are to emerge victorious.

The following are the teams:

Club "A"— L. Goldman; D. Hynes, N. M. Cochrane, A. W. Torrible, A. H. Harbord; S. J. H. Fox, N. M. Mackintosh; S. H. Garrod, J. H. McElney, G. C. Moutrie, F. G. Nigel, F. R. Burch, A. R. Cox, C. Austin and K. A. Munro.

Reserves:—G. E. S. King and G. Dalziel.

Borderers "A"—Pte. Jones; Cpl. Shaw, Lieut. Hamilton (captain), Pte. Simmonds, Pte. Lewis; Lieut. Richardson, Pte. Hoskins; Pte. Whelan, Pte. Bromley, Pte. Watkins, Sgt. Constant, Pte. Gilmore, Pte. Lloyd, Pte. (25) Jones, and L/Cpl. (40) Evans.

Touch Judge: Pte. Hemmings.

Referee: Capt. G. Gottwaltz, M.C.

BILLIARDS TOURNEY

Cpl. Herriott (500) eliminated Gnr. Bailey (432) in the Second Round of the Colony Billiards Championship at the St. Patrick's Club last night.

Herriott's highest break was 88, while Bailey had a 28.

JUNIOR SOCCER SHIELD

The South China "B" team will meet St. Joseph's in the Junior Shield Competition on Sunday at Caroline Hill at 2.15 p.m.

Home Football Forecast For Saturday

Owing to there being no publication to-morrow the Local Football Supplement will appear in Friday's *China Mail*.

FIRST DIVISION.

Birmingham	v. Derby
Bolton	v. ARSENAL
CHELSEA	v. Wolves
HUDSFIELD	v. Sheffield U.
Leicester	v. ASTON VILLA
LIVERPOOL	v. Middlesboro'
Manchester C.	v. Everton
PORTSMOUTH	v. Newcastle
WEDNESDAY	v. Leeds
SUNDERLAND	v. Blackpool
WEST BROMWICH	v. Blackburn

SECOND DIVISION.

BRADFORD	v. Plymouth
Burnley	v. NOTT F.
Grimsby	v. MANCHESTER U.
Millwall	v. West Ham
NOTTS C.	v. Chesterfield
Oldham	v. STOKE
PORT VALE	v. Fulham
PRESTON	v. Charlton
SOUTH-AMPTON	v. Lincoln
SWANSEA	v. Bradford C.
TOTTENHAM	v. Bury

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH).

ALDERSHOT	v. Watford
Bournemouth	v. Bristol C.
Brighton	v. READING
BRISTOL R.	v. Cardiff
EXETER	v. Torquay
LUTON	v. Brentford
Newport	v. COVENTRY
NORWICH	v. Clapton
QUEEN'S P.R.	v. Gillingham
SOUTHEND	v. Crystal P.
SWINDON	v. Northampton

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH).

Accrington	v. Barrow
Darlington	v. HULL
GATESHEAD	v. Hartlepools
MANSFIELD	v. York
New Brighton	v. CHESTER
Rochdale	v. DONCASTER
ROTHERHAM	v. Carlisle
SOUTHPORT	v. Crewe
STOCKPORT	v. Barnsley
Tranmere	v. Wrexham
WALSALL	v. Halifax

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

ABERDEEN	v. Partick
CLYDE	v. Ayr
Falkirk	v. DUNDEE
HAMILTON	v. E. Stirling
HEARTS	v. Third Lanark
KILMARNOCK	v. Celtic
Morton	v. MOTHERWELL
QUEEN'S PK.	v. Airdrie
RANGERS	v. Cowdenbeath
ST. JOHNSTONE	v. St. Mirren

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SPORT PAGE

HONG KONG DERBY PROSPECTS

LOOKS CERTAINTY FOR TRENTBRIDGE

(BY FALCON).

(Special to The "China Mail.")

"MRS. PEARCE would be very unlucky if Trentbridge does not win the Derby."

This was the opinion of a very prominent racing man in the Colony when recently discussing the Derby prospects for this season. This opinion is shared by a good many people and there is a good deal to be said for it as Trentbridge is an outstanding pony and should have no difficulty in winning a few races at the Annual Meeting. The pony is bound to be placed in the Derby, and unless the rest of the entries contain a surprise packet, nothing will touch Trentbridge for this year's honours.

This iron grey was one of the big favourites last year, and it was unfortunate that he should have met with an accident a few days before the Derby was due. He would have given Liberty Bay a good run for his money, and he alone was looked upon as a likely candidate to extend Mr. Dunbar's crack-a-jack.

A DERBY WINNER

Trentbridge did convincing track performances last year and although he has been stretched once or twice this season, his connections are satisfied that the pony is good and no startling times have so far been clocked of this candidate. He is moving very well now and seems to like his exercises. This is the kind of Derby winner, and there is nothing in this year's griffins that is as "game" as Trentbridge. May he win the Derby for his popular owner!

What is the biggest danger to Trentbridge? In looking over the entries one hesitates before making a nomination. Is it in Mr. Dunbar's stable? He has two very useful candidates in Coo Coo Bay and Baron Bay and Mrs. Dunbar has a fine pony in Tillicum. Can these ponies deprive Trentbridge of the Derby?

Like Trentbridge, Coo Coo Bay was kept over from last year, and well it was for the stable, for she looks 100 per cent. better this year. Some people are of the opinion that this pony is an out-and-out champion like Diana Bay and Liberty Bay. I do not share this opinion, although I would like to qualify that statement just a little by saying that Coo Coo Bay is a good pony and might possibly account for Trentbridge, but she is not in Diana Bay's or Liberty Bay's class.

NOT CONVINCING

Coo Coo Bay appears at the moment much better than her stable companions, Tillicum and Baron Bay. The pony is striding beautifully, but appears to lack something essential. He looks classy enough, but at the same time his performances so far have not been very convincing.

Coo Coo Bay will no doubt be given a tryout before the big meeting, and much interest will be shown in that tryout by followers of form. He might put in a surprisingly good gallop, in which event he will share the favourite's position with Trentbridge, or he might put in a comparatively poor gallop, which would make Trentbridge a red hot favourite.

After Coo Coo Bay, Prima Donna appears to be a very likely pony to give Trentbridge a race. If Prima Donna wins, it will be a popular win, as she comes from a very popular stable— Mr. A. M. L. Soares'. Prima Donna has been responsible for some very good track work in the morning tryouts, and on one occasion when he came home full of running after a mile and a quarter tryout, the "fans" began to ask whether she was not as good as, if not better than, Trentbridge.

Prima Donna in my opinion, is classy enough, but is not stayer enough to do the Derby distance.

The Trial Plate or the Hopeful Stakes is more in her line. However, I may be absolutely wrong in my surmise of the pony's capabilities! The next few weeks will show whether Prima Donna is or is not a stayer.

BRECHIN NO STAYER.

After these ponies the next best thing appears to be Brechin. I have previously stated that this pony is thought very highly of in some quarters, but unfortunately his training performances have all been against this opinion.

Brechin can move very well, but not over a long distance, and the Derby is a mile and a half.

One can hardly imagine Brechin winning the Derby, though it is not difficult to see that this long striding iron grey belonging to Messrs. Mackie and Grayburn is going to make things hum in the shorter races.

Brechin has once or twice shown tendencies to bore outwards when coming up in the home straight, but he is being slowly cured of this, and when he starts to run straight he might show plenty of pace over the last quarter. For the moment, though he is an outstanding pony, he does not appear to be a danger to the favourites.

The next pony that appeals to me is Charming Star.

The pony is above the average, but that is not all. He will have the services of one of the best jockeys to appear at the Annual Race Meeting—Mr. D. S. Li, and that is a great advantage. Since Mr. Ho Kom Tong won the Derby, Chinese owners have been very close; Wisdom Stag, Gold Key, Wild Life and Princess Hall having all been placed at various times. Will Charming Star do the trick for a Chinese stable this year?

(To be continued next Wednesday)

Rapier's Selections For Kwanti.

First Race:—
- Loch Ryan
- Black Maria
- Mouche

Second Race:—
- Cloudy Eve
- White Heather
- Duke of Milan

Third Race:—
- Festival Eve
- Just Imagine
- Pocahontas

Fourth Race:—
- Rooslan
- Loch Ryan
- Black Maria

Fifth Race:—
- Banjolina
- Imperial Hall
- Christmas Belle

Sixth Race:—
- Rooslan (if started)
- White Stars
- Partridge

Seventh Race:—
- Whoopee
- City of Shanghai
- Christmas Belle

MR. D. S. LI ARRIVES FROM NORTH

To Ride For Kong Bros. Stable.

TWO CLASSIC WINS

D. S. LI is the first of the Shanghai jockeys to arrive in the Colony for the Annual Race Meeting. He was down on the course yesterday morning and again this morning. The Kong Bros. Stable will have first call on his services.

Last February he won the Maiden Stakes on Lunar Star after a thrilling finish with Dee (Mr. A. F. Clark), which he pipped at the post to pay $23.10 for a win. He also won the Tientsin Stakes on Meridian Star, and Polar Star gave him a narrow win in the Rooty Hill Derby. Meridian Star gave him another win in the Shanghai Plate, and Polar Star gave him his fifth win when he romped home in the Australian Champions.

During that meeting he registered five wins, five seconds, seven thirds, and was unplaced in twenty-one other races. He was a useful jockey to follow, his two wins on Polar Star giving knowing printers dividends of $27.10 and $27.30 for wins, which his other three wins all exceeded $15 for a win.

Among the leading Shanghai jockeys expected to arrive shortly are Wm. Hill, Y. S. Chang, W. Ahern, A. N. Dallas, F. Noodt, W. L. McCann and L. P. Quincey.

PORTIA'S EXCELLENT SHOWING

Brechin Disappoints In The Mile.

MORNING GALLOPS

THERE were several very useful gallops clocked in at the Valley this morning.

Trentbridge, the favourite for the Derby, did a convincing gallop over the Mile, clocking 2.20 with 0.30 for the last quarter. The pony looks in magnificent condition.

Coo Coo Bay went over 1½ miles in 3.40 with a last quarter of 0.30. He was not extended in the early part of the gallop and moved beautifully.

Prima Donna was taken over 1¼ miles and performed splendidly, covering the Mile in 2.15 and recording 0.31 over the last quarter. The pony looks a picture and is assured of several wins at the Annual Meeting.

Cossack's Beauty went out over 1½ Miles and clocked 1.02.4 over the last half mile with a 0.30 for the last quarter of a very convincing gallop.

Brechin provided the morning's disappointment. In a slow Mile gallop he laboured up the straight to clock 0.38 for the last quarter!

The Australians were speeded up and some useful times were recorded. Mr. Frost took out Portia over 1½ miles and the pony provided the outstanding gallop of the morning. The pony is in grand condition and looks a stayer of a very high standard.

BOSSUET, the Shanghai inside-left who pulled a muscle, is a doubtful starter for tomorrow's Interport.

BOMBAY RACING SENSATION.

Well-Known Personality Cautioned.

Bombay, January 3.

A first-class Turf sensation has been caused in Bombay by the official announcement today that the W.I.T.C. Stewards had cautioned the well-known owner-trainer, Mr. Gulam Hussein Essaje (otherwise known as "Mr. Heath") as to the running of the Lady Willingdon Cup on December 17.

It will be recalled that, carrying 9.10, Dilsher finished a neck behind Arab Queen in the Lady Willingdon Cup over a mile and a quarter. He carned a four pounds penalty on Saturday last for the Sion Plate over the identical distance, being a 3 to 1 favourite. He not only failed to come into the picture but finished last.

After hearing the evidence of the Trainer and Jockey the Stewards expressed themselves as dissatisfied with the explanation offered by Mr. Essaje and cautioned him.

The Stewards were of the opinion that no blame could be attached to Jockey Carslake.

VISCOUNT D'ABERNON RESIGNS.

From Betting Control Board.

London, Dec. 27.

Viscount D'Abernon has tendered to the Treasury his resignation as a member of the Racecourse Betting Control Board.

He was appointed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer as a member in 1928, when the Board was formed, under the Racecourse Betting Act, to supervise the introduction of the totalisator to racecourses.

The report of Lord D'Abernon's resignation has given rise to considerable speculation in racing circles. It will be recalled that Sir Alfred Butt attacked the work of the Control Board a few weeks ago, stating that up to the present the totalisator has failed to help racing in any way. Lord D'Abernon, who is 75 has had a distinguished public career and was British Ambassador at Berlin from 1920 to 1926.

Entries And Handicaps For Kwanti On Sunday

The entries for the seven events of the Chinese New Year Meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club to be held on Sunday appear as follow:—

Race 1 — Hunters' Hurdle Race (Unofficial).—One and a Quarter Miles.—Black Maria, 168; Country Club, 168; Duke of Normandy II, 168; Hefty, 168; Loch Ryan, 168; Mouche, 168.

Race 2 — The United Services' Steeplechase (Unofficial).—One and a Quarter Miles.—Celerity, 168; Cloudy Eve, 168; Duke of Milan, 168; Gertrude Lawrance, 168; Piccalilli, 168; Loch Ness, 168; Mulakit, 168; White Heather, 168.

Race 3—China New Year Hurdle Race.—One and a Quarter Miles.—Anson, 158; Britannic Hall, 153; Celerity, 144; Christmas Belle, 132; Doveu, 136; Canary, 138; Festival Eve, 155; Imperial Hall, 147; Just Imagine, 171; Little Gem, 153; Movanagher, 152; Pocahontas, 158; San Francisco, 147; Smiling Commander, 149.

Race 4—China New Year Steeplechase.—One and a Half Miles.—Anson, 158; Black Maria, 168; Christmas Belle, 152; Duke of Milan, 159; Just Imagine, 161; Loch Ryan, 165; Mellguards, 150; Pocahontas, 158; Rooslan, 165; White Heather, 161.

Race 5—Ladies' Dash (Unofficial).—Half A Mile.—Amos, 150; Banjolina, 150; Christmas Belle, 150; Espy 150; Jimmy, 150; Imperial Hall, 150; Little Gem, 150; Lucky Bird, 150; Much Ado, 150; San Francisco, 150; The Quail, 150; Until Then, 150.

Race 6—The "M.G.T." China New Year Steeplechase (Unofficial).—To be ridden by Members of the Troop, Starting Back (to the Water Jump, Once Round and In.—Britannic Hall, 158; Demurrer, 150; Jan Stewur, 146; Partridge, 149; Pat, 155; Peter Davy, 142; Red Leaves, 152; Rooslan, 165; Social Mark, 149; White Stars, 158.

Race 7—China New Year Handicap.—Six Furlongs.—Amos, 135; Banjolina, 155; Buchanan, 152; Christmas Belle, 160; City of Shanghai, 148; Fi-Fa, 140; Imperial Hall, 158; Jimmy, 140; Sanction, 146; Shanghai Beau, 140; Sunning, 147; Whoopee, 165.

SHANGHAI'S TRIAL

Vance An Irish International.

G. CASWELL TO REFEREE THE INTERPORT

Li Ning Should Play

(By OUTSIDE LEFT).

THE Shanghai interport football team held their final tryout yesterday on the Club ground in preparation for their encounter with the Hong Kong team tomorrow on the Club ground.

Only light training such as goal-kicking and sprinting round the field were indulged in.

In the goal-kicking the halves fed the wings from the middle of the field, the inside forwards availing themselves of the opportunities of practicing shooting at goal from the centres.

The halves passed very accurately and fed both Hughes on the left wing and Keats on the right wing in excellent style, while the wingers put in a tremendous amount of work in sending across some first-class centres, most of which were dealt with by K. C. Chen and Collet, the former banging them into the net with a first time drive off either foot while the latter used his head to advantage.

Bradley between the sticks was not very sure of himself, and, although he stopped all the high shots easily, he was never certain what to do with a low or bouncing ball.

Collet impressed very favourably by his ball control and speed in shooting. **He will need to be well watched by the Hong Kong halves.**

K. C. Chen, although a good shot off both feet, is too fond of getting too close to goal, and this he will find extremely difficult with Allan and Lau Mau.

GOOD HALF BACKS.

Both Hughes and Keats showed promising form on the wings and took any type of pass sent up by the halves with the greatest of ease.

The halves, Remedios, Gash and Vance are all good men.

Little need be said about Gash except that he is still in ship shape form and can deal with any type of play.

Remedios is a good half and can use his head to advantage, he should prove very dangerous to the home attack.

Vance, the other half, is perhaps the outstanding player of the team. He has played in first-class football. *He is an Irish Amateur International, having represented Ireland against England in 1924 when his team lost by the odd goal in five.*

Vance is certainly a class player and can do almost anything he wishes with the ball. His shooting is of the highest standard and is not lacking in power and sting. His sense of direction is wonderful and he can place the ball with great accuracy.

Voong, the left back, showed that he can kick a fine length ball with plenty of power behind it at any time. He can also use both feet equally well for first-time clearances. Turner did not exhibit interport talent yesterday although he did try one or two kicks which failed to show any outstanding point.

TURNER WEAK.

I am inclined to think that Turner will prove to be the only weak link in the Shanghai defence. In the sprints he kept well ahead of the others the first time round, but a few minutes later he was seen to tire. He is not very fit.

Brossirie, who is the reserve for inside left, showed very promising form, and exhibited a powerful drive from almost any angle off his left foot. He would, however, be quite useless if he had to change over if the necessity arose.

I understand that if Bossuet fails in his Thursday morning test, Brossirie will in all probability take his place at inside left.

Li Ning, the reserve back, is capable of filling any of the back divisions if required. His clearances in practice have impressed most favourably, and I think he is better than either of the two chosen interport backs.

Hay is almost the same type of player as Mullane of the Borderers; and resembles him in every other way. His football is very good and he makes an ideal half.

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SHANGHAI TEAM

The following is the Shanghai team:—

Bradley (Police); Turner (Police) (vice-captain), Voong (Tung Hwa); Remedios (French Club), Gash (Police) (captain); Vance (R. A. S. C.); Keats (E. Lancs.), K. C. Chen (Tung Hwa), Collet (French Club), Bossuet (French Club), and Hughes (Argylls).

Reserves:—Li Ning (Tung Hwa), Hay (Argylls), Jack (Police) and Boissorie (S. R. C.).

Mr. J. Watson (Police) and S.M. Freeman (Argylls) are joint managers of the team.

STANLEY GASH ON SOCCER IN THE NORTH

"China Mail" Commended.

(Exclusive Interview by "Outside Left.")

I ENJOYED a pleasant half hour with Stanley Gash in the Peninsula Hotel yesterday. An interporter for the last seven years is undoubtedly an interesting personage and Gash proved no exception. He was very modest concerning his own feats on the soccer field, but consented to talk for a few moments on the growth of football in the North.

"THE standard of football in Shanghai during the 1925-6-7 seasons was of a much higher standard because of the wealth of recruits which were being brought out from England and elsewhere by British firms and others. Nowadays, continued Mr. Gash, British firms in China are recruiting the type of men whose only interest is maintained in Rugby, duck pin (Alley Bowls) and lawn tennis.

"From the Chinese standpoint, however, the game has improved by leaps and bounds, the Chinese teams in the North having jumped years ahead in their stride for supremacy in the senior divisions.

"During the last five years, from 1927 to 1932, the Chinese have not only ousted the Europeans from capturing honours in the leagues. both in Shanghai and Hong Kong, but they have entered into the games full of interest with the main object of rising above that standard of perfection prevalent among European Clubs when the Shanghai league was first inaugurated."

"Another point in favour of the Chinese is the attitude taken by their supporters, who are getting more sportsmanlike as the years roll on. Barracking has very nearly subsided and good play by both teams is now fully appreciated by the Chinese supporters."

"The Shanghai Recreation Club and the Shanghai Football Club, both of which were the two finest soccer Clubs in the years previous to the Chinese entry into the European League, are now on their last legs. The "Recs," as the S.R.C. are popularly known, have recruited all the young blood for their teams, but they lack experience. The Shanghai Football Club have considered relegating to the Second Division owing to the dearth of players, who in the years gone by flocked to the Club, but who now join other associations and indulged in other forms of recreation."

"The only European Club to have shown any improvement is the Police Recreation Club. They have improved immensely, and are now one of the leading Clubs in the North.

"One of the main reasons for the lack of players in the leading Clubs is the formation of new Clubs such as the A.S.F. (French Club) which have recruited players from the Recs and the S.F.C. to fill gaps in their first and second teams."

Commenting upon Interport Football since he first took part in 1928, Gash said that the standard had improved considerably, especially in home games where the wealth of talent available from both European and Chinese teams had grown to perplexing proportions.

Gash has played in every Interport game since 1925, with the exception of 1930 when he was home on leave. This is very near a record number of interports for a single individual.

Asked what was the finest interport game he had played in, Gash referred to the game in 1927 at Shanghai. On that occasion the home team beat the Hong Kong team by 7 goals to 1. The Shanghai team then played classic football and every one of the team was at that time worth a place in any good team at Home.

The Shanghai team was as follows:—Frearson (R.M.); Palmer (Recs) and Hathaway (Coldstream Guards); Jack Pote-Hunt, Gash (captain) and Costa; Favacho (Club Lusitano), Collaco (Club Lusitano), L. Goldman (Club), Lee Wai-tong (Loh Hwa) and Gee (Beds and Herts).

The feature of the game was the dazzling display of the Shanghai forward line. Every man in that line, Collaco 2, Goldman 2, Gee 1, Favacho 1, and Lee Wai-tong 1, scored for the home side.

Gash concluded by saying that the present Shanghai team was the best available under the circumstances prevailing now in Shanghai, but it could have been improved enormously had several other players been able to get leave.

Commenting upon newspapers and their help, Gash said, "The *China Mail* had proved more helpful to their team than their own Shanghai papers.

He said the criticisms on the Hong Kong trials were very well done and one could thoroughly understand why Football in Hong Kong was ever on the upward path with the immense help given it by the press.

SOUTH CHINA TO PLAY MACAO.

Brilliant Chinese Trio Playing.

On Sunday afternoon at Caroline Hill, the South China Football team will meet a team from Macao in a friendly soccer game.

The South China team will have the services of Tam Kong-pak, whose suspension has now been lifted, and also Fung King-cheong and Ip Pak-wa, thus re-uniting the invincible Chinese trio which was separated a few weeks ago by the suspension of Tam Kong-pak.

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VERY DEEP IN THE FOREST

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He smiled. How did she know he was English? She answered readily that all rich travellers were English.

She was playing with one of the great leathern buttons of his Norfolk jacket, and from time to time she looked up into his face archly.

It was nearly eight o'clock and the sun was sinking when he saw ahead a grey mass. It loomed up suddenly from the surrounding trees—a compromise between a fortified mansion and a small castle. A feeble wreath of smoke was floating over its chimneys.

"What house is that, Gertrud?" he asked.

"It is called the Schloss, Herr Traveller."

"You live there?"

"Yes."

"Where is it: how is this part called?"

She looked vacant, seeming hardly to comprehend his question.

"*It is very deep in the forest,*" she said at last.

They drew near the broken-down gates of the outer wall, and through them he saw the bent figure of an old woman digging in the earth. Gertrud had seen her too. "It is Granny," she said.

The old woman was so intent on her labour that she did not notice their approach; and he was wondering idly what manner of plant that deep trench was to receive when Gertrud kicked against a stone and her grandmother looked up.

Just as the young girl had attracted him so the old woman repelled him. She was a lean and wrinkled hag, bowed down with years; and with the horrid leering face of a witch. It seemed hard to believe that relationship existed between her and the radiant child on his arm.

He was duly presented. The old beldam was effusive in her thanks. She trembled to think what might have happened to her grandchild if he had not found her. There were wolves in the forest at night—yes, and other things too! She crossed herself devoutly.

He murmured that it was nothing: then remembering his mission, asked if a traveller dressed much as himself and resembling him in features had passed that way either yesterday or the day previous. The answer of both the women was negative.

Then he asked if they could show him the road to Satz. It was necessary that he should push on there at once. They looked troubled.

Satz was many, many kilometres, they said—they did not know how many or in which direction it lay. There were no clear paths in this part of the forest. No; he must rest the night in the Schloss, where he would be their honoured guest.

To emphasise this invitation Gertrud squeezed his hand; and the old woman flashed her yellow tusks at him amiably.

He paused irresolute. Twilight was passing rapidly. The garden was darkening fast. He looked at the great hole in the earth that the old hag had been digging. He thought that it resembled a grave. Shuddering a little, he replied that he would accept their hospitality.

They entered the Schloss by a back door that gave into a large stone-flagged kitchen sparsely furnished. On the failing fire simmered a cauldron containing the evening meal. Gertrud, who was now walking without help, added another plate to the table that was already laid for two.

They supped, and afterwards, while Gertrud washed up, the old woman locked up the house. She bolted the high windows and barred the great door. He asked if the house were hers, and she replied that it was. The family had fallen on evil times, she said. Her son had been killed in the terrible war—they were two lone women now.

He produced a roll of banknotes, and asked awkwardly what they would accept for his night's lodging. The old woman shook her head and wiped away a tear. The guest did not pay in Germany, she averred.

Gertrud was lighting two tallow dips, one of which she handed to him. She herself took the other. If the Herr Traveller was ready, they would light him to his chamber. He acquiesced: he was very tired.

The girl led the way, he followed and the old woman hobbled in the rear. They reached the great hall and ascended a wide staircase. As they went something fell from the old woman's pocket. He turned politely, to pick it up, but she was too quick for him, as she hurriedly grabbed the small object and hid it away. He only caught a momentary glance, but he could have sworn that it was a roll of banknotes. The damp walls reflected the light of the candles. The bare boards creaked beneath their feet.

At last Gertrud stopped before a door and opened it. She signed to him to enter. The old woman followed him, and pointing to a great four-poster bed with a heavy canopy, hoped that he would sleep well. She apologised for the lack of furniture—but what would you? The terrible war! "Good night, Herr Traveller!"

Gertrud gave him a provocative smile, and the door shut. Left alone, he raised the candle to take stock of his surroundings.

By the feeble light he saw a dark oak-panelled room, which had one square window heavily barred. In the very centre stood the enormous bed, and that was the sole piece of furniture. The boards of the floor were bare. On the wall facing the foot of the bed was an old oil painting. He approached and examined it. It represented a woman past the prime of life: a woman with the face of a witch, and yet a face that was remarkably like that of the girl downstairs. Her features seemed at once to attract and repel him. He had seen them before; he was sure of that—but not on a human being. The eyes were like two live coals. There was no artist's name, no date; only a tarnished metal plate on the frame inscribed with the word "Gertrud."

He turned from it with an eerie feeling. It was not a pleasant thing in a strange bedroom, and now he noticed for the first time that his candle was already burning low in its socket. He would call them. He would ask for another candle. It was foolish, but he felt that he would be afraid in the dark. He went to the door, turned the handle and made to open it. It stuck.

He turned it the other way: it would not give. It was locked on the outside!

In his rage he would have battered on it; he would have cried out: but, calming himself, he remembered that they were women and he a strange man in the house. Yes; it was easily explained.

He walked nervously towards the bed. Half-way there he stopped, startled, and swung round. As he did so, his eyes encountered those of the woman in the picture. Heavens! He knew her now. She had the face of a wolf!

He was trembling from head to foot as he set the candle on the floor. His hand struck against something. He stooped and picked it up. A button—a leathern button from his jacket. He smiled feebly. He would give it to the little girl in the morning. She had admired his buttons.

He tried to smile again; and began to undress. Then it was almost a cream that escaped him. With frantic eyes and fingers he ran over the tale of his buttons. Not one was missing: but the button he held in his hand was—*his brother's!*

The candle spluttered and went out. A moment of terrible darkness—darkness that could be felt. It seemed that a dozen people were in the room—entering to kill him? He cowered away into a far corner and stood there trembling.

He heard breathing; but it was his own! Suddenly he became aware that the wall behind him was sliding away beneath his touch. He must have touched a hidden spring. He felt behind him with both hands. The next moment he drew them out as if they had touched hot iron.... What they touched was icy cold!

The moon came out from hiding, and filled the room with her pale light. He turned very cautiously and looked into the recess.

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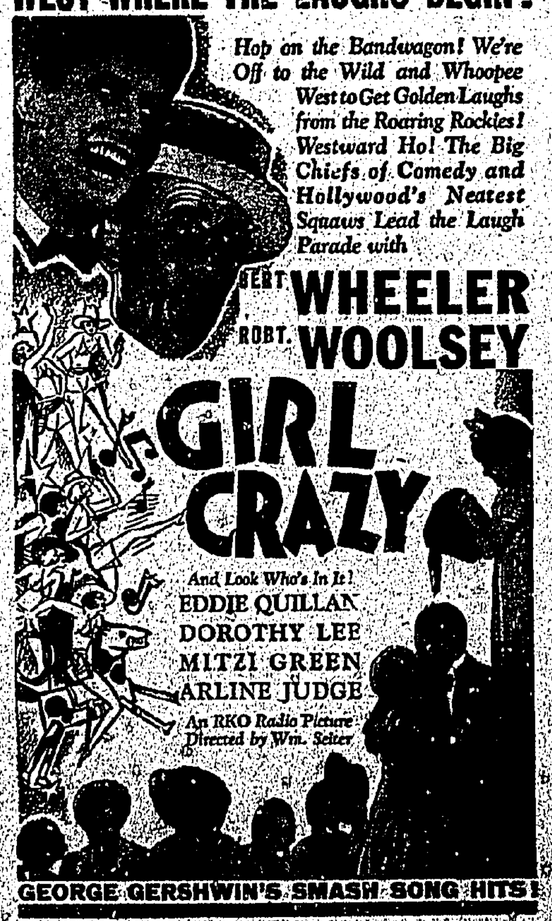

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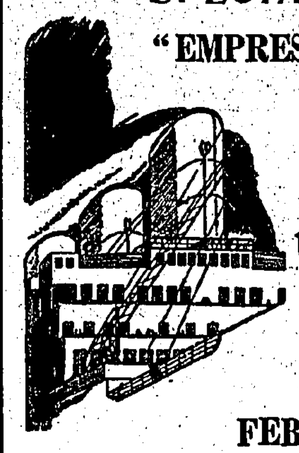

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VERY DEEP IN THE FOREST.

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This is what he saw: at first nothing, then a vague grey shape rising, propped up on end: then, as his eyes grew accustomed to the bluish light, he saw that he was staring at his brother's cold dead face.

He reeled. His senses seemed to be ebbing from him. He had fought in Flanders. He had looked on death before. It was not death that terrified him. It was those raised hands with flat upturned palms, as though to ward off something: and that look on the face of unutterable horror. It was that which terrified.

There was no mark of violence so far as he might see: only the face seemed a dark, unnatural colour. The buttons had been cut from his Norfolk jacket.... And John remembered now the roll of notes that had fallen on the stairs.... The spoilers had been at work.

He staggered blindly away—lurched against the bed, and finally sank upon it. He was losing his sense of the room. All was swimming. Only the woman in the picture, with her red eyes, was holding his. She the Hell-cat! This was her work; he must not lose sight of her. He must watch it till morning—till morning—morn.... The moon shone on the sleeping brother; she shone on the wolfish picture.

Neither man nor woman moved; but something else—something horrible was happening in the room.... There were light footfalls on the floor above, and a creaking as of ropes—up there where the fatal women were getting to their work....

He became conscious of a new uneasiness. A cold wind seemed to fan his temples; and he heard a creaking of ropes.

She was still there, the woman in the wolfish picture; but those red eyes were gone. Ah! Her head was gone! Her neck! The picture was less than half its size.

Something dark....

Instinctively he looked upwards—where not a foot above him the top of the bed was coming down.

Mad terror made him superhuman. He hurled himself sideways from the bed, and then with a crash upon the door of the room. It groaned but did not yield. With his revolver he blew away the lock. A moment later he was loose.

How he got free from the house he never knew. Semi-demented, he wandered into Baum at noon.

The affair was taken up by the British authorities and the German police, but no one has ever discovered that mysterious path down which the brothers travelled.

THE END.

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HONG KONG TIDES

Time Meridian 120 deg. E. (Zone—8); 00h. is midnight, 12h. is noon. Heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be *added* to depths, unless preceded by an asterisk (*) when they should be *subtracted*.

January 25 to 31, 1933.

Date		High Water Standard Ht. Times.			Low Water Standard Ht. Times.		
	Jan.	H.	M.	F.	H.	M.	F.
Wed.	25 ..	10	30	4.4	03	29	0.3
		20	42	8.2	13	50	3.5
Thurs.	26 ..	11	01	4.5	04	07	0.1
		21	29	8.4	14	40	3.4
Fri.	27 ..	11	30	4.6	04	44	0.3
		22	11	8.1	15	28	3.1
Sat.	28 ..	12	01	4.8	05	18	0.6
		22	53	7.8	16	13	3.1
Sun.	29 ..	12	31	4.9	05	51	1.0
		23	32	7.1	17	00	3.1
Mon.	30 ..	—	—	—	06	24	1.4
		13	02	5.0	17	48	3.1
Tues.	31 ..	00	07	6.4	06	52	1.7
		13	35	5.1	18	45	3.1

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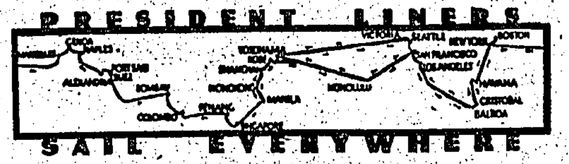

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TO MANILA

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Pres. Polk	Feb. 4	Pres. Madison	Feb. 25
Pres. Jackson	Feb. 7	Pres. Harrison	Mar. 4
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Pres. Adams	Feb. 18	Pres. Cleveland	Mar. 11
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The Governor-in-Council on January 19 reconsidered the sentence of death passed on Cheng Kwok-yau and has decided to exercise leniency. The sentence will be commuted to life imprisonment. The first petition signed by 230 prominent Chinese residents was considered by the Governor in Council on January 12, when it was decided to let the law take its course.

A report is published in the *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL*.

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Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., who attended Queen's College from 1873 to 1878, distributed the certificates and prizes at the annual prize day in the Great Hall of Queen's College, on January 20. Sir Robert is the first Old Boy of the College to present prizes. The Headmaster, in the course of his report, referred to College developments, extension of Class libraries, and English successes.

A full report, together with reports of prize-givings at the Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians and the Hwa Nan College, is given in the *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL*.

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An official statement, in reply to Mr. M. K. Lo's questions regarding the conveyance of infectious or suspected infectious cases across the harbour, was given by Mr. T. Megarry, Head of the Sanitary Department, at the forthcoming meeting of the Sanitary Board held on January 17.

The meeting is reported in the *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL*.

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A wedding of considerable interest in the Colony was solemnised in St. John's Cathedral on January 23, when Miss Grace Kathleen Williams, eldest daughter of Captain and Mrs. G. J. Williams of Coventry, Warwickshire, became the bride of Mr. William Kay, M.A. (Edin), son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Katt Kay, of Dundee, Scotland, and a popular member of the Education Department.

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One night he changed £15 into silver, caused the complete staff of a restaurant to be paraded before him—cloakroom attendants, cigarette girls, dancers, and pages—and gave large tips to each.

The boy's week of pleasure ended when he was sent to prison for stealing £1,000—and the dinner jacket—from his father.

In addition, the Judge ordered the girls to whom the boy had given presents, and who were in court as witnesses, to return the gifts.

TWO MINOR MOTOR ACCIDENTS.

European Sergeant Involved.

Sergeant J. C. Doyle, of the Motor Section of the Hong Kong Police Force, was involved in an accident whilst on patrol in the Bay View district yesterday afternoon.

Sergeant Doyle reported that driving his motor cycle in Smithfield, a Chinese male suddenly jumped in front of the vehicle and was knocked down, receiving injuries to his head and leg. The man, Chan Pak, 35, of 7, South Lane, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Wong Man, licensed motor driver, reported to the Kowloon Police that while driving a motorbus along Tam Kung Road, Kowloon City district, a Chinese male, Tong Wun-siu, 17, riding a push bicycle in the opposite direction, lost control and collided with the 'bus. Only minor injuries were sustained by the cyclist.

H.M.S. BERWICK DUE ON SATURDAY

(*Continued from Page 1.*)

H.M. Aircraft Carrier Hermes, accompanied by the Destroyer Witch will leave for San Fernando, Philippine Islands on a cruise on Monday morning. They will proceed from San Fernando to Manila, arriving at the latter port on February 4 and will return to Hong Kong on or about February 17.

H.M.S. Whitehall of the Eighth Destroyer Flotilla is expected to arrive from Shanghai about January 29.

H.M.S. Medway, Submarine Depot Ship entered the Naval Drydock yesterday morning for her annual refit. She is expected to leave the dock by the middle of next week.

H.M. Submarines Pandora and Proteus which left Hong Kong on exercises yesterday are expected to return to port this evening.

GIRLS OVERSPEND INCOME

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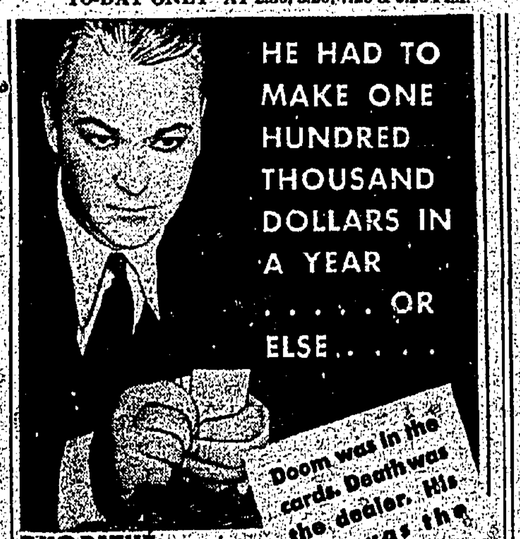

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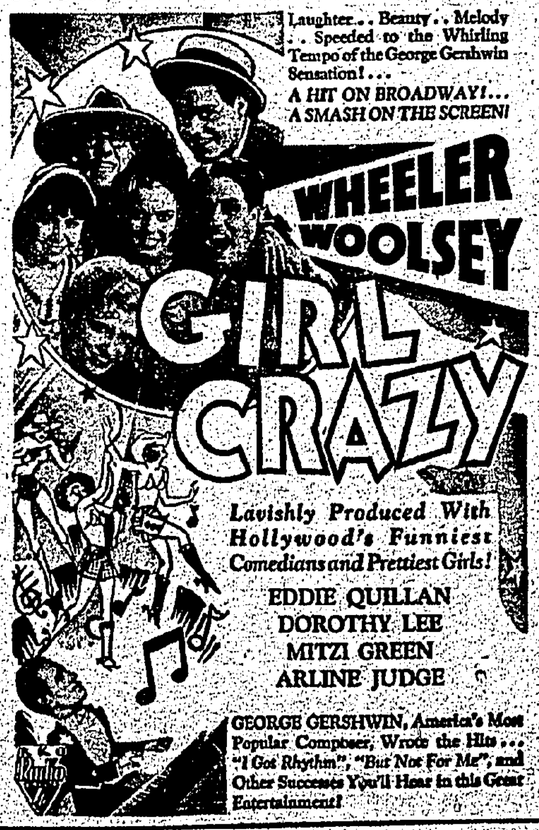

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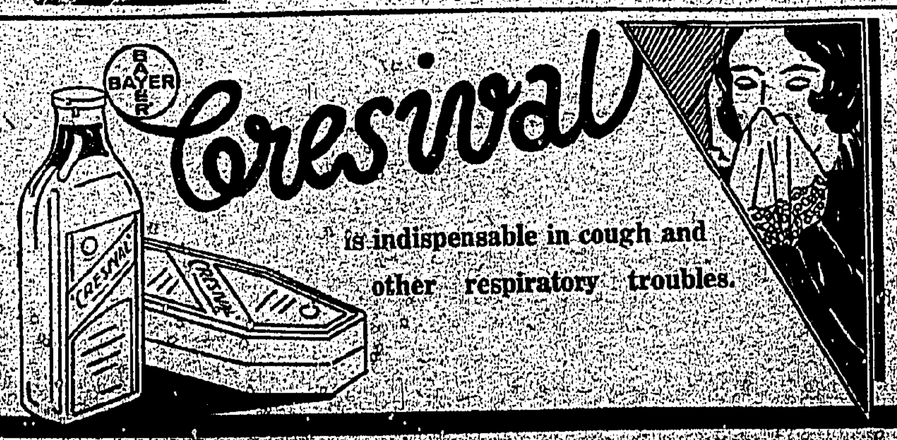

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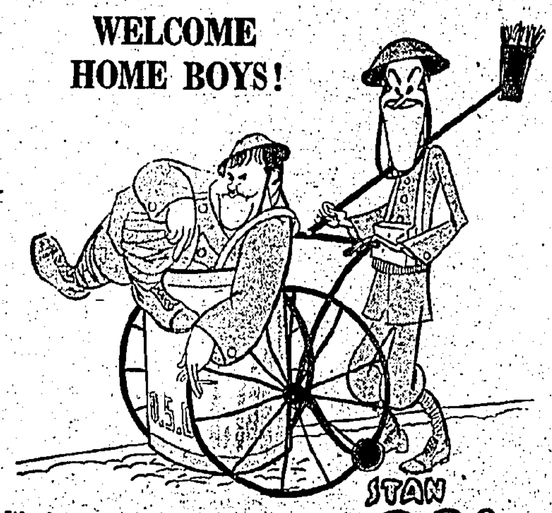

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